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Important Meetings

The Executive Committee recently met in the office of the Executive Secretary. Members present were John D. Davis, President; W. E. Lee, Secretary; J. B. Parker, G. C. Hodge, W. A. Hewitt, E. D. Hurst, R. D. Pearson, J. D. Ray and James L. Sullivan. The resignation of Dr. W. E. Greene, enlistment pastor, was received and accepted with regret. Bro. Greene is accepting the presidency of Clarke Memorial College. The Executive Secretary was authorized to arrange the Evangelistic Conference Program for 1945. The memorial from the Negro Institute at Prentiss was referred to the committee on Negro work. Dr. J. D. Ray is chairman.

The Executive Committee resolved itself into Education Commission session. Consideration was given the Mississippi Baptist debt situation. It was the opinion of all that Mississippi Baptists, with Cooperative Program allocations for Christian Education, Now Club receipts and the June offering, would certainly come completely from under the debt load this year of 1944. Debt-free celebration plans were authorized. The Executive Secretary stated that this would not be a time of praising and pluming ourselves but prayer, humble submission in finding the will of God, and gathering strength for a tremendous ongoing program of the work of Christ for 1945 and the other years ahead.

The Mississippi Baptist Advisory Evangelistic Committee met the next day in the office of the Executive Secretary. The members present were R. L. Wallace, chairman; J. Niles Puckett, secretary; R. E. Gardner, E. F. Haire and C. M. Savage. The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference was set for the first week of March 1945, or as near thereto as may be possible. Featured speakers were decided upon and the general order of the program was set up. The Executive Secretary stated that in the pastorate he realized the work of the local church was too large for one person and, therefore, relied, first, upon the leadership of the Spirit and then upon advice from the membership. He stated that for this reason he had asked a group of pastors and laymen to serve in helping outline such programs each year. The committee further expressed the hope that Mississippi Baptists might cooperate fully in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board Evangelistic Department in evangelism during the centennial year of 1945. The Advisory Evangelistic Committee urges church in Mississippi to hold a series of meetings during 1944 that will eventuate in a real revival. It was noted that around 300 Mississippi Baptist churches have been failing to win to Christ even one person a year in the past. The committee recom-

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT Bible Teaching As To Election

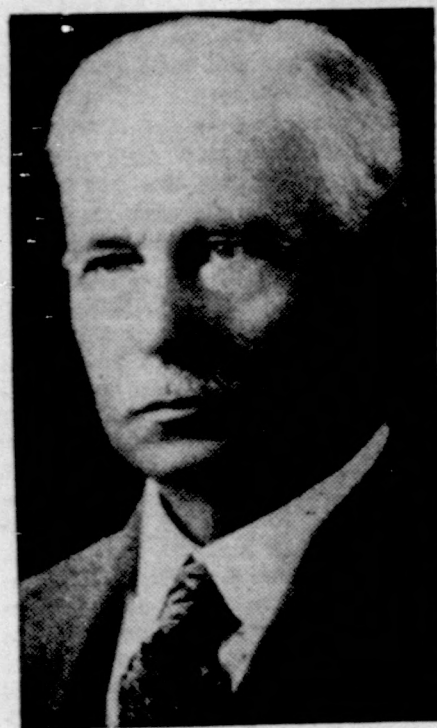
P. I. LIPSEY, D. D.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Second Coming of Christ."—Editor.)

The final source of authority as to any doctrine is the Bible itself. Unless we can agree on this as the ultimate authority, there is no hope of arriving anywhere in any discussion, "To the Law and to the Testimony! If they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them." Isaiah 8:20.

To be sure, the enlightened, Spirit-led intelligence of man is expected to find the truth of the Bible in conformity with reason. For example, when an architect plans a building, however large, there is not the slightest detail of the structure or item of the materials which go into it, that has not been included in his plan, and arranged for to the last minute particle. Not to do so would prove him absolutely incompetent. And when God made the plans for His kingdom He could not have done so without perfecting every detail. That does not mean that He simply knew beforehand, but planned beforehand. If He did this in constructing the material universe, He would do no less in planning for His eternal kingdom.

But in the matter of election what does the scripture say? We do not here undertake to give more than a small fraction of the scriptures on this subject, for we are not writing



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a theological treatise. In the first chapter of Ephesians Paul says that God "chose us in him before the foundation of the world . . . having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasures

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MRS. WEBB BRAME IS NEW W.M.U. PRESIDENT

Sixty-Sixth Convention Meets in Jackson

Despite travel difficulties, the sixty-sixth annual Woman's Missionary Union Convention with Mrs. J. H. Street, president, presiding, was held in Jackson, April 4-6, in the First Baptist Church with attendance at pre-war levels, the total registration being 1185.

Mrs. Webb Brame of Yazoo City was elected president to succeed Mrs. J. H. Street, who declined re-election because of other duties.

Mrs. Appleby Speaks

"Sunrise Tomorrow" was the subject of a devotional message by Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, a returned missionary to Brazil. "If there be sunshine ahead it must come of the truth expressed in the theme of this Convention, 'Righteousness Exalteth a Nation,'" emphasized Mrs. Appleby. The speaker said if righteousness is exalted four things are necessary: 1. Emphasize the spiritual; 2. It must be made attractive to our young people; 3. Our churches must be a greater instrument of righteousness;



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4. We must seek God's direction in all things.

Committees Appointed

The president appointed the following committees: On Resolutions: Mrs. C. A. Henderson, Mrs. Mattie M. Burkett. On Greetings: Mrs. W. L. Com-

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The Convention Will Meet Dr. Hight C. Moore Replies to ODT Request

(Below we print the letter of Dr. Hight C. Moore in reply to one from the director of the U. S. Office of Defense Transportation suggesting that the Southern Baptist Convention be cancelled. Dr. Moore's reply is an unanswerable classic. Read ye all of it. —Editor.)

March 15, 1944

Mr. Joseph B. Eastman, Director,
U. S. Office of Defense Transportation
Mr. H. F. McCarthy, Director,
Division of Traffic Movement
Washington, District of Columbia
Gentlemen:

In 1943 at your request and after wide consultation with our denominational leaders including three members of the Congress (Senators George and Bailey and Representative Doughton), the Southern Baptist Convention which was scheduled to meet in Memphis in May was deferred, this being the first time any annual meeting of the Convention has been cancelled since the Dark Sixties of the last century.

In the interest alike of our churches and our country we have planned to convene in Atlanta, Georgia, May 16-18, 1944, with a shortened program (from five days including Sunday to two and a half days midweek) and with the attendance limited to available accommodations (less than half the usual guarantee of two thousand rooms in first-class hotels besides smaller hotels and homes), none complimentary as usual to officers, guests, missionaries, and the press. It is thought that the registration will not exceed 3,000 whereas it has gone up as high as 8,000 with some thousands of visitors during Convention week.

And now we have your courteous letter of February 23, 1944 (File 612-9) calling on us for "full cooperation with our travel conservation program" and suggesting that we also cancel the Convention for this year.

Concerning Baptists I am sure you need not be reminded of our love for our country and our loyalty to our government at all times and especially in time of war, from the American Revolution when our members almost to a man followed General Washington; through World War I, the Southern Baptist Convention being the first of the denominations to pledge to President Wilson "our lives and sacred honor"; and in World War II with trumpet tones of patriotism ringing up and down our lines, a thousand chaplains serving our armed forces, ten thousand ministers proclaiming our duty to God and country, and twenty-five thousand churches proud of their service flags through myriads of stars already

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Sparks & Splinters

A nice list of subscriptions was recently received from East Fork church, Amite county. Pastor C. O. Stegall, Smithdaye, sent this list.

In last week's issue of the Record the printer transposed the pictures of Dr. H. L. Martin and Rev. W. L. Compere in the article about the Sunday School Convention on pages 8 and 9. Just change the two names and otherwise the pictures are correct. Their acquaintances readily recognized the error and those who do not know them probably did not know the difference.

H. J. Logan has resigned Rome and accepted the work at Pace. Pace is now half time.

J. L. Robinson, Birmingham, Ala., became pastor of the Lancaster Baptist Church in Kentucky on Feb. 12. He was formerly pastor of the First church of Ashland and the First church of Campbellsville. (Editor's note: Mississippians will remember him as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc. A good Pontotoc Baptist says of him, "He is a giant when it comes to interpreting the Scriptures and he is a hard fighter.")

Durant: We are enjoying our new pastor and his family. Church attendance has picked up. Dr. Puckett is a live wire. We elected three new deacons, baptized two and have received several by letter. On March 19 we took a religious census and found several hundred to be enlisted. We are trying to enlist all of these.—Reporter.

My heart rejoices with you in reaching above the 40,000 mark in Baptist Record circulation. I am praying that its pages shall ever glow with the glorious hope and inspiration engendered by the marvelous resurrection of our blessed Lord.—Leon V. Young, Clinton. (Editor's note: Mississippian Baptists will remember the writer of the above lines as a faithful pastor during the past years. At present he is living in Clinton trying to recover from illness that has plagued him for the past few years.)

Capt. (Chap.) Elias R. Callahan somewhere overseas sends his regards to his Mississippi friends and says that he is glad to know that the work prospers. He also says some nice things about The Baptist Record.

The Sunday school Home and Foreign Mission offering at Winona was \$78.28.

Brother John S. Rester, clerk and treasurer of Union Baptist Church, Pearl River county, in sending in a list of 23 new and renewal subscriptions says "another list will follow soon." It is such faithfulness as this that has helped The Baptist Record go above the 40,000 mark in circulation.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Bishop Elvind Berggrav, imprisoned primate of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, observed his 60th birthday October 25, but Quisling authorities refused to permit relatives or friends to visit him.

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"I et six aigs for breakfast this morning," proudly boasted a workman to his fellows during their lunch hour. (Of course, this was before Pearl Harbor!)

"You mean ate," replied one of the men.

"Well, maybe you are right. I guess it was eight!"

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Demands from U. S. churches, clergymen, and church-related organizations urging the Senate to adopt a strong post-war policy resolution are swamping legislators on Capitol Hill.

Strong River church, Simpson county, recently closed a revival with B. E. Phillips, New Hebron, doing the preaching. There were two additions by letter. The church presented the visiting preacher and Pastor Guy Little with a love offering.

Greenville First: We recently had a B. T. U. study course with 160 enrolled. The average attendance was 138 and more than 100 took the examination.—Reporter.

I have just finished reading the experiences of Hyman Appelman. You ought to have it printed in book form. It is great.—E. T. Moberley, Laurel, Miss. (Editor's note: We have passed the above suggestion to Brother Appelman and he states that this autobiography is in booklet form and was on sale at all of his Mississippi meetings. It may be ordered from him for 25c.)

J. T. Carter has resigned the pastorate at Summerland and accepted the work at Agricola. He has done a good work at Summerland, and Agricola is to be congratulated.

Paul Runyan, who did mission work in the Jones County Association during the past summer, has been called to the full time pastorate at Barton.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. Montie A. Davis, Moss Point; Miss Pearl Caldwell, China; Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, III, Winona; William Hall Preston, Nashville; Rev. G. W. Smith, Harpersville; Rev. Troy Sumrall, Purvis; Mrs. Fred Muller, Cleveland; Mrs. J. C. Davis, Cleveland; Mrs. D. R. Owen, Cleveland; Rev. and Mrs. Madison Flowers, Goodman; Mrs. L. M. Russell, Hickory; Rev. H. W. Roberson, Lexington; Rev. R. D. Pearson, Macon; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond; Rev. W. E. Lee, Como; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Dr. M. P. L. Berry, Clinton, and Rev. A. C. Parker, Petal.

London (By Cable, RNS)—Sacred vessels and other objects taken from Roman Catholic churches in Poland are being auctioned by Nazis in various parts of the country, according to a report in the Universe, Catholic weekly published here. Missals are being sold as waste paper, the report says. Objects auctioned include historic works of art. Polish churches are still open, but have been stripped of everything but the barest necessities for the celebration of mass.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Loyal Norwegians are apt to spare no pains in avoiding attendance at church services conducted by Quisling pastors. This was shown when a group of seventy residents of Hegra, near Trondheim, decided to take communion at Laanke, rather than patronize the local Quisling pastor, Vonheim. Vonheim tried to circumvent the move by securing an order prohibiting automobile traffic to Hegra. The maneuver, however, failed. When the day for communion arrived, the exasperated Vonheim counted 70 horsecars on their way to the distant parish.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Japanese occupation authorities in Hongkong are planning to enroll all religious denominations in a church alliance under their control, according to information reaching here from headquarters of the Scandinavian Buddhist Mission in South China.

Work at Mt. Nebo is progressing nicely with increase in attendance and offerings. We are planning to rebuild the church house, ground has already been graded and construction work is to begin soon.—C. E. Snowden, pastor.

West Point: The finances of the church continue to break all previous records. During the past two years a total of \$43,621.71 has been given into the church treasury. This is \$19,819.35 more than has ever been given through the regular gifts in any other two years of the church's history! The gifts last year alone were \$24,272.98 which is more than has ever been given in any other two years.

"Jonah's Trip to Tarshish" is a book of sermons by Rev. A. T. Howell, for many years a Baptist pastor in South Carolina and adjoining states. Concerning the book Dr. Charles A. Jones, Executive Secretary of the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention says, "The readers of these sermons will find in them a strong evangelistic note: Brother Howell belongs to the old school of preachers. He accepts the Bible for what it claims to be, the Holy Word of God. Without endorsing every utterance in them, I commend them to those who believe the gospel as preached by our fathers." The book is published by the Hobson Book Press, Cynthiana, Kentucky, and sells for \$1.50.

The Baptist Sunday School Board has given \$12,500 each to the libraries of four Baptist Theological Seminaries—Southern at Louisville; Southwestern at Fort Worth; Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans; and the American (Colored) Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville. The Seminary at Louisville hopes to use their \$12,500 in a post-war building program.

We recently received a nice list of subscriptions from Beat Line church, Neshoba county. This list was sent in by J. D. Hardy.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, for sixteen years editor of The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas, has accepted an invitation to deliver the anniversary address of the Sunday School Board at Nashville on June 15. This is an annual occasion observed in connection with the June meeting of the entire Board.

Through the extension department the First Baptist Church at Philadelphia maintains a Sunday school class for nurses at the local hospital. Mrs. Joe Germany has been most helpful in this work. On a recent Sunday it was noted the nurses' class had a grade of 100%.

Mrs. R. V. Shirley, clerk of Rocky Springs church, Yazoo county, sends in three more subscriptions, making a total of 18. She recently sent 15 and as the post office was Eden we thought they were from Eden church. We are glad to make this correction.

Luther Harrison, educational director of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, has been elected president of the State Sunday School Convention. He is a Mississippian and Baptist Record readers will be interested to know that his sister, Mrs. E. E. Parker is an employee of The Baptist Record, serving in the circulation department.

It is reported that J. W. Fagan has resigned the pastorate at Pell City, Alabama, to accept the work at Bay Minette. Mississippians will remember him as pastor of the Second Avenue church, Laurel. Concerning him, Dr. Gwaltney, editor of the Alabama Baptist, says, "We do not know of a pastor who has accomplished a greater work in Alabama than Pastor Fagan."

The Broadman Press of Nashville, Tennessee, has recently published an interesting and helpful book by Jacob Gartenhaus. The title is "The Jewish Passover." Dr. Gartenhaus gives a good discussion of the Jewish Passover. It also touches a little on the Lord's Supper. The price is 25 cents and it may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

This happened in East Tennessee recently: A soldier whose sweetheart had been worrying a lot sent her a telegram reading: "See 1st John 4:18." The operator by mistake left off "1st" and the telegram as she received it read simply: "See John 4:18." The telegram broke up the romance.—Miss Nancy Jenkins, Tennessee, in Progressive Farmer.

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CHARLIE WEBB WRITES FROM ITALY

"For the past several weeks I have received letters from many sections of the state encouraging me in my work. My duties here at the hospital prevent me from answering each letter individually. Therefore, would you express to them my heartfelt gratitude for their interest and prayers. I know that they read The Baptist Record for they mentioned that fact in their letters.

"The work here in the hospital is arduous and the hours are long and trying, but I find it very enjoyable. It does my heart good to see a man lying on a litter as he enters the hospital, clinging to his Testament or Prayer Book, almost unwilling to part with it long enough for the medical officer to examine and treat his wounds. Many have told me that without the hope their Testament gives they could not bear the pain. In the midst of this suffering men are turning to God as a very present help in time of trouble. Many of these men are meeting the Christ for the first time, promising to follow Him steadfastly from now on.

"My work is diversified, yet I am most concerned with presenting to these men the Savior. This hospital closely approximates the front and therefore it is in tents. I visit each tent ward at least once a day, returning to visit the seriously ill men several times a day. I make my last round of visits about midnight. This gives me a wonderful opportunity to present the Great Physician to them.

"From some of the letters that I have received I gather that there are still a few Baptists who fail to assemble themselves together for prayer. . . . The apathy of Christians regarding the Kingdom of God is appalling. I often ask myself, 'Will the folks back home, because of their continued indifference, cause these, their sons and loved ones, to drift away from the God they have found so real over here?' It is time Christians at home wake up to their responsibility to these brave men."

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"I know something that I won't tell," said the little girl.
"Never mind about that. You'll get over that habit before you are grown."

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Last Report

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

After speaking five times on Friday and witnessing 21 conversions in these services that day, we reached home at midnight. On Saturday morning we tried to do a week's work. Shortly after noon, we were en route to a big B. S. U. affair at Columbus. At 5:30 p. m. we were four miles across the river. Driving 80 miles around, we arrived o. k. Dr. Franks, Mr. W. H. Preston, Miss Tilghman and other notables were on hand. B. S. U. at Columbus was 20 years young. A new Workshop is on the way.

The next morning, despite floods of rain, we arrived across the state at Ruleville. Supply Pastor Kenneth Pepper, Mrs. Nat Tracy and others were in a dedicatory service, i. e., pews in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Tracy. Lovely house of worship.

That night a large congregation greeted us at Clarksdale. Dr. and Mrs. Horton are happy. The folks are very happy. The Conference was excellent.

In addition to these already thanked, we can never thank enough the pastors at Jackson, Columbus, New Albany and Clarksdale-Lyon for their great service in the Appelman Campaign. They are spiritual princes. The people are also inspiring.

WORDS OF JESUS AS FOUND IN JOHN

John 1:38, 39, 42, 43, 47, 48, 50, 51.	John 10:1-5, 7-18, 25-30, 32, 34-38.
John 2:4, 7, 8, 16, 19.	John 11:4, 7, 9-11, 14, 15, 23, 25, 26, 34, 39-44.
John 3:3, 5-8, 10-21.	John 12:7, 8, 23-28, 30-32, 35, 36, 44-50.
John 4:7, 10, 13, 14, 16-18, 21-24, 26, 32, 34-38, 48, 50, 53.	John 13:7, 8, 10-21, 26, 27, 31-36, 38.
John 5:6, 8, 14, 17, 19-47.	John 14:1-4, 6, 7, 9-21, 23-31.
John 6:5, 10, 12, 20, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35-40, 43-51, 53-58, 61-65, 67, 70.	John 15:1-27.
John 7:6-8, 16-19, 21-24, 28, 29, 33, 34, 37, 38.	John 16:1-16, 19-28, 31-33.
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John 9:3-5, 7, 35, 37, 39, 41.	John 18:4-9, 11, 20, 21, 23, 34, 36, 37.
	John 19:11, 26-28, 30.
	John 20:15, 16, 17, 19, 21-23, 26, 27, 29.
	John 21:5, 6, 10, 12, 15-19, 22, 23.

YOUTH . . . RUNNING WILD

By

John Edgar Hoover Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
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This country is in deadly peril. We can win this war, and still lose freedom for all in America. For a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation.

I am not easily shocked nor easily alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am both shocked and alarmed. The arrests of 'teen-age boys and girls, all over the country, are staggering. Some of the crimes youngsters are committing are almost unspeakable. Prostitution, murder, rape. These are ugly words. But it is an ugly situation. If we are to correct it, we must face it.

You read, in the news columns, of the most flagrant cases. The sordid movie-theater gang-assault in New York. The vicious railroad-track murder in Houston. The tragic case of the 16-year-old boy in Michigan who killed his little sister after unmentionable cruelties.

These are not isolated horrors from another world. They are danger signals which every parent—every responsible American should heed. These are symptoms—of a condition which threatens to develop a new "lost generation," more hopelessly lost than any that has gone before.

Consider: In the last year, 17 per cent more boys under 21 were arrested for assault than the year before, 26 per cent more for disorderly conduct, 30 per cent more for drunkenness, 10 per cent more for rape. And that despite the fact that many of this age group had already gone to war or were productively employed. For girls, the figures are even more startling: 39 per cent more for drunkenness, 64 per cent more for prostitution, 69 per cent for disorderly conduct, 124 per cent more for vagrancy.

And these were only the ones who were arrested—the advanced cases.

The other day a friend of mine, who is a police chief, saw a 15-year-old girl coming out of a tavern. She had obviously been drinking. The chief knew her, and knew her family—respectable, serious-minded people. Shocked, he took the girl home to her mother. He told me about it as an example of how even the best homes are being hit. But to me, the rest of his story was even more significant. He had expected the child's mother to be upset, and she was—but not in the way that he had expected. She was upset because of the indignity he had inflicted on the girl by bringing her home. Of course the girl had done wrong, she admitted; but she should have been allowed to look out for herself. That, that mother insisted, was the way to develop a child's character.

And that, I insist, is the kind of crackpot theory which has laid the groundwork for our present surge of 'teen-age trouble. For years, we have listened to some quack theorists and pseudo-psychologists who have preached that discipline and control were bad for children—that they should be left uninhibited to work out their own life patterns, their own self-discipline. But you don't acquire self-discipline if you never learn what discipline is; neither can life's problems be worked out without experience which can be secured only through hard knocks or by guidance from the experience of others.

Now we are reaping the harvest. Fathers have gone to war, or are working long hours. Many mothers, too, are working, on day or night shifts. The youngsters are left to their own devices. And the tragic fallacy of the theory that self-discipline "just grows" is being demonstrated day by day.

Our FBI fingerprint files are full of the proof. Here is a case that is sickeningly typical: two girls, one 14, the other 15. Fathers in the army, mothers working in war plants. Left to themselves, they stroll the streets, get picked up by two boys, and are finally apprehended half-way across the continent in a stolen car.

Here is a boy whose mother is dead and whose father is so busy with his war job that he doesn't bother with him. The boy sees something in a five-and-ten that appeals to him and steals it. He falls in with another youngster and breaks into a filling station. Then they get bigger ideas. They put an 80-pound angle iron across a railtrack, thinking to loot the wrecked train. Fortunately, somebody catches them in the act, and there is no wreck—except the wreckage of that boy's life.

These are typical, every-day cases. They could have happened any time, because there always have been neglected children, unguided children, undisciplined children. The point is that such cases are multiplying to a point of crisis. It is time we asked ourselves: Is this a wholesale breakdown in discipline?

The war greatly aggravates the situation—the unsettled homes, the confusion and the restlessness, the "last fling" philosophy. Two boys and two girls go into a tavern and get some drinks. They get to talking about the big money to be made in the war plants in the city a hundred miles away. Why stay cooped up in this one-horse town? One of the boys gets a revolver, they steal a car, and are on the way. They are finally caught, only after a running battle.

I have heard many people speak of young girls as being over-enamoured of uniforms. Too many are. And again, the consequences are often tragic.

Here is a 16-year-old girl who falls in love with a soldier. He is transferred. She starts running around with other men in uniform, then ends up in a house of ill fame. That is a common progression—so common that it is adding up to a major tragedy.

And here is the more violent type of progression. A girl quits going to school and Sunday school, begins going to dives. She gets coarse and vulgar, while her parents stand by and do nothing, and when a policeman attempts to reason with her, she throws a brick at him. She is sent to a training school, then released. Within a few weeks she is back in the hands of the law again, for picking up men and blackjacking them.

Another effect of the war, of course, is that it is making it possible for many youngsters to earn more money than ever before. For youngsters who have been trained in no higher motives than self-gratification, that is merely an opportunity for loose living. Count the cheap places of entertainment in your neighborhood, and study the ages of the customers, if you doubt it.

I am not blaming the youngsters. I am trying, very definitely, to do exactly the opposite—to put the blame where it belongs, on my own generation, which has failed in its responsibility to its children. We failed in the years before the war, in that we let discipline slide, some deliberately as a matter of "theory," the rest of us thoughtlessly because it was the trend of the times.

Obviously, wartime conditions call for extra guidance, extra control, extra discipline. Parents should take stock of the discipline—or the lack of it—in their families, and consider how it might be improved or tightened up. They should follow definite rules as to what young people may do, where they may go, and when—determined by the standard of whether or not it is good for the child. They should insist on obedience, and not shy away from penalties for wrong doing. Children may not like it, any more than soldiers do, but it is the one way to make sure that both will react correctly in moments of decision and danger.

It is a good idea, too, to talk with teachers, and to back them up in maintaining discipline in the schools. Parent-Teacher Associations should make a definite effort to see to it that the discipline in the homes and in the schools is coordinated—that the school discipline is sound, and that parents are kept aware of any special disciplinary problems, and what they can do about them. The average parent, I am convinced, is too easily overwhelmed by that old argument that: "All the other kids are allowed to do it." Somebody has to draw the line somewhere, or this justification can spread out like a chain letter. Of course different parents have different ideas about what their children should be allowed to do, but it is time that parents begin to find some definite lines on which to unite.

I know a father who got on the 'phone the other day, and called up the parents of his daughter's favorite cronies. "Look," he suggested, "I have a hunch our youngsters are playing us against each other. How about getting together on a few fundamental rules?" They did, and there is now, among other rules, a definite hour when that young crowd breaks up and heads for home. Discipline, of course, is not an end in itself. But tempered with understanding and affection, it is a protective measure which is critically needed right now. More than that, it is the only guide to self-discipline. We are fighting a war to establish the Four Freedoms for the generation now coming to maturity. We had better make sure that they have the self-discipline to live in a free world.

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A GREAT W. M. U. CONVENTION

The women came. They were there from Abbeville to Avera, from Waddell to Wool Market. Train and bus travel may be crowded and inconvenient, gas and rubber shortage may be acute, hotel accommodations hard to get, but the women of Mississippi came to their State W. M. U. Convention in Jackson April 4-6. The meeting held in the First Baptist Church was a great success.

The large auditorium of the First Baptist Church was filled to capacity. And when the good women come, they stay. We saw no groups "gossiping in the corridors." Even the last session on Thursday morning was well attended.

As always, the program was deeply spiritual and well planned. There was not one dull moment. These fine, consecrated, efficient women not only prepare a good program but they carry it out.

And what a fine spirit pervaded all of the convention! They do not even know the word defeat. Not one unkind word or unfair insinuation found utterance.

GOD BLESS THOSE WOMEN!

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Twice yearly, before the Southern Baptist Convention and before the State Convention we appeal to all concerned to publish reports that are to be made to the Convention.

Space limitations prevent publishing reports in full but the gist of them should be published. And certainly all proposed recommendations should be published.

If our conventions are worthwhile they deserve the very best thought. Snap judgment always leads to snap situations.

The usual custom is for a long report to be distributed. Some-

one explains briefly the contents and the vote is taken. This is done without much thought on the part of the messengers. Serious and careful consideration is impossible.

At the very least, all recommendations and the reasons for them should be published beforehand.

The excuse is offered that our Boards cannot prepare the reports in time for publication. The reply is, start sooner.

If we take our usual snap judgment and vote without proper consideration, why have a convention? It would save time and expense simply to let the boards and committees adopt their own recommendations without reference to a convention.

Too often is heard the complaint that "a few are running things." We doubt that this is the intention of our leaders, but more pre-convention publicity would help to answer such complaints.

As it now is, messengers, when registering, are handed a large book of reports. If they did nothing else, they could not properly study these reports during the sessions of the conventions.

If suggestions and recommendations are good they will stand the light of publicity. The rank and file of the messengers will be expected to help carry out convention actions. Why not allow these same messengers the privilege of thinking through them?

And pre-convention publication would allow those unable to attend the convention time to think matters over and consult with those fortunate enough to go to the convention.

Good recommendations will not be harmed by publication. Bad ones need to be harmed.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS MARCHED IN MARCH

According to Miss Bess Eva Shilling, Convention Board bookkeeper, Mississippi Baptists contributed to the Convention Board office a total of \$82,805.79 during the month of March. This exceeds the amount contributed in March 1943 by \$17,926.46. The March 1944 Cooperative Program receipts were \$36,947.62 or a gain of \$11,984.14 over March 1943. The Designated offerings totaled \$37,146.57 or a gain over the same month of 1943 of \$7,690.21.

The only unpleasant part of the report was a loss in Now Club receipts for the month as compared with March 1943 amounting to \$1,747.89. Now Club receipts for March 1944 were \$8,711.60. While all of us regret that Now Club receipts did not show a gain as did Cooperative Program and

Designated receipts, yet the overall picture is encouraging. In fact, the total gain was more than some total month's receipts have been in years past.

If Mississippi Baptists will keep on the main track and emphasize the worthwhile things, still greater gains and higher heights will be theirs.

—BR— AGAIN AN UNWARRANTED TITLE

Several months ago we called attention to a series of articles in Collier's Magazine. The articles were written by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York. The title after his name was, "Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States." We then stated that Archbishop Spellman might be the Military Vicar of the Catholics in the Armed Forces of the United States but that he was not the religious head of members of other groups.

Others wrote personal letters to Collier's Magazine calling their attention to this uncalled-for title.

Regardless of former protests the current issue of Collier's has another article by Archbishop Spellman and as before he is given the title, "Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Again we remind all concerned that the Archbishop is not the Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States. He may be the Catholic Vicar but we Baptists have no earthly vicar. Our vicar is Jesus Christ, not Archbishop Spellman.

—BR— "BUT IN DEED"

In First John 3:18 we read, "Let us not love in word; neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." We find a similar thought in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

For years Mississippi Baptists have carried a burdensome debt. It is an honest debt, a debt for which we got value received. But any debt, good or bad, is not pleasant.

Mississippi Baptists have often expressed a desire to be debt-free. But desires pay no bonds. It takes cash.

Never again in this generation will money be as plentiful as now.

Many who could only give or pledge small amounts at the beginning of the NOW CLUB can do better now. This is an appeal to them to be DOERS and not hearers only—to translate their words into deeds.

Many Mississippi Baptists have expressed a desire to have a great Victory Service at the next Convention celebrating the paying of our debts. But March Now Club

receipts were less by \$1,747.89 than for March 1943. That is progress but in the wrong direction.

And as we should practice what we preach the writer of this article plans to make a love offering to the Now Club on or before April 17.

We want to be able to take part in that Victory celebration as one who was a DOER, not just a hearer.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

MISSING IN ACTION

All Prentiss was brought to a fuller realization that "war is hell" Sunday evening when the news came that Ralph Brinson was missing in action over Germany. We know that, as the war progresses, and the invasion of the continent starts, such news will come more frequently, but we are never ready for it. And even now, our faith, like the faith of Ralph's family, makes us hope with a fervent hope, that Ralph is yet safe, and will find his way out.

To us, he is just a kid, . . . too young to be in the hell of war. And, privileged as we were, to read some of his last letters, our eyes filled with tears that blurred our vision as we saw the lovable traits of the little boy, all the way through, as he talked to his "Mom." And because we love Ralph . . . as do hosts of others . . . we asked the privilege to print here, parts of a letter written his mother on Feb. 15, because it is so human, so characteristic, and touches so deeply . . . just a homesick kid, down in his dead level best to get a job over that tries the souls of strong men, and squeezes their iron nerves into so much pulp. Ralph wrote:

"I was awarded the air medal today, which made me very happy. The medal, which is bronze, hangs down from a blue and gold ribbon. It has the American Eagle spread on it. It was my first decoration.

"Now that I have 12 missions in over the Reich, I am now sweating out No. 13, or, better known as 12-B to most crew members over here. I am going to crowd in that plane next time and tell everyone that it is the 13th. That's how superstitious I am.

"You know the little Bible that the Bible class gave me when I left for the army? Well, that is going with me on every raid now, so you see, I am counting on One Person to help me get back each time. I don't think there's any one that goes through this, that doesn't get wise sooner or later. I tell you now, I am scared, more so than when I first started. I don't know why I should be, but I know some day I am going to be repaid for the things I have done wrong. I am counting on you to pray for me too. I try to, but I know that He thinks I am a hypocrite—that's the way most of the boys are—Lots of them swear and cut up, but yet they carry that little Book or good luck charm along with them every time. That's the way I am, and it's

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Above is shown the front of the New Prospect church, Lafayette county, which was recently completed. J. L. Courson is pastor. He is shown standing on the front steps of the church. They have recently adopted the budget plan for financing the church and the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record is a part of their budget. A number of the church members are tithers.

THAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For more than twenty years we have been holding such a school. At first it was an experiment but soon we discovered it to be a necessity. We learned that it had a place in our church program as truly as the Sunday school or B. T. U. Coming as it does after the public schools close and during the vacation period of our children it fills in a gap that might be lost to the young people. Not only that, but it discovers and utilizes talents among our best leaders and teachers that might never have been discovered, developed and utilized. We have learned the secret of praying together, paying together and playing together; this happy trinity has shown its power in the development of Christian character, usefulness and efficiency through the years.

In this school, Bible study is emphasized. In a three weeks consecutive period the child gets as much Bible study as in six months of Sunday school; this, too, in an atmosphere highly charged with spirituality.

Then too the evangelistic opportunity is not forgotten. Here children are impressed and won for Christ and His church.

Today many of our boys who attend these schools are in the armed forces of our country and carried with them the remembrance of what they learned here.

If every pastor would make the Vacation Bible School a part of his church program, it would go a long way toward saving our youth for Christ, and help solve the problem of delinquency. This is a wonderful opportunity for the pastor to keep in vital touch with the children and their parents and hold them to the entire program of the church. Our young people are ready; our churches are willing; the challenge is imperative. May we enter wholeheartedly into this fruitful and promising field.

Yours for more Vacation Bible schools,

L. G. GATES, Pastor,
First Baptist Church,
Laurel, Mississippi.

CHAPLIN-MISSIONARY



Chaplain (Major) Almus B. Polsgrove, Baptist minister of Tupelo, Mississippi, is Chief Chaplain at one of General MacArthur's advanced bases in New Guinea. In the picture, Chaplain Polsgrove talks with native "Fuzzy-Wuzzy" grass cutters.

MISSISSIPPI MAN WITH ENGINEERS

Twenty-six months of distinguished service with the same engineers outfit, renowned for having been the first unit of U. S. ground troops to go into action in the Southwest Pacific area, is the record of Major Almus B. Polsgrove, chaplain, who has just completed two years of overseas duty, is now serving as base chaplain at a rear area in New Guinea.

It was at Milne Bay on August 25, 1942, that Chaplain Polsgrove's outfit, even though not composed of combat troops, lent a fighting hand to the Australian forces who repulsed the Japanese contingent attempting an invasion at the Southwest tip of New Guinea. The engineers, who were engaged in hewing an airstrip out of the jungle undergrowth, laid down their picks and shovels and fought to halt the swarming Japanese at the very edge of the airstrip. But for their heroic stand, the outcome of the Milne Bay battle might easily have turned out differently. For this action, the outfit was highly commended and officially cited by General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the Southwest Pacific area.

The same unit also served throughout the entire strenuous Buna campaign. Chaplain Polsgrove was with the unit here from the start of the campaign on November 26, 1942, until its successful conclusion. He stayed with the troops right at the front lines, helping to boost their fighting morale by attending to their spiritual needs. Chaplain Polsgrove served with the same outfit in still another combat zone, the Darwin area in Northwestern Australia, for a period of more than six months. He was called to active duty with the engineer unit in June, 1941, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

A native of Fulton county, Kentucky, he was born June 18, 1907, received his education at the University of Mississippi, Union University at Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is married to the former Miss Mary Wilburn Babbs, of Shannon, Mississippi, who now resides at Tupelo, Mississippi.

LAUREL FIRST OBSERVES YOUTH WEEK

On Sunday, April 2, Youth Week in the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, began. At the beginning of the morning worship hour the key to the church activities for the week was presented by our pastor, Dr. L. G. Gates, to the youth pastor, Rev. Joe Roberts. The regular deacons' meeting was held on Sunday afternoon with 24 young men present to represent the older deacons of the church. B. T. U. assembly was conducted by the B. T. U. director of Youth Week. One young man, as music director, led the choir—all young people—and the music program for the worship services. The young ladies were in charge of W. M. U. on Monday afternoon—presenting the program and taking the lead in the business meeting, and mid-week prayer service was in the hands of our young people. The key was returned on Sunday, April 9. We are sure that Youth Week will not only prove a blessing to the youth of our membership but to others as well.—Jimmie Todd.

J. H. HOUSTON

J. H. Houston, who departed this life January 7, 1944, was born January 7, 1865, and lived his entire life in and around Neshoba community. This church feels, in the going of Brother Houston, the loss of a loyal member and the community a sympathetic friend.

He joined Crenshaw (now Neshoba) Baptist Church at the age of 26, being faithful in attendance and activities of his church until the last five years when his health prohibited his active service.

Bro. Houston leaves his wife, Mrs. Mattie Gully Houston, two girls and five boys to mourn his going. One son, J. G. Houston, Jr., is now serving his country somewhere in Europe.

We of this church and community share their feeling of a great loss in the departure of this sympathetic servant of needy mankind.

Therefore, be it resolved that this statement of mutual respect and Christian esteem be expressed for a life given to unselfish service for Christ and others.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to The Baptist Record and the Neshoba Democrat.

Committee:

T. O. GULLY,
VESTER SMITH,
R. B. VANCE.

25 Years Ago

We are glad to welcome Brother R. A. Cooper back to Mississippi as he comes to the pastorate at Courtland and some nearby churches.

The church at Brookhaven is having a great meeting and Pastor Taylor is happy with Dr. W. A. McComb assisting him.

The Baptist Church house at Brookhaven was dedicated the fifth Sunday in March, all indebtedness having been paid. Dr. J. B. Lawrence preached the dedication sermon. The congregation immediately began a subscription to secure a \$6,000 pipe organ.

Last Thursday night the trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital held a meeting in Jackson to project plans for enlarging and equipping the building. A campaign will be inaugurated in Jackson to raise \$35,000 and the other \$50,000 will be raised throughout the state.

A telegram from V. M. Scanlon of Hattiesburg, chairman of Citizens' Committee, reports that the \$50,000 promised by Hattiesburg on building a dormitory at Woman's College is in hand.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

G. L. McIntyre, Brooksville, Miss.
M. M. Hargrove, Hanceville, Ala.
O. F. Dingler, Central, Marshall, Texas.
L. L. Jessup, Ivey Memorial, Newport News, Va.
J. W. Fagan, Bay Minette, Ala.
L. L. Roloff, Park Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas.
E. H. Acuff, Fountain Hill, Ark.
Ralph Reasor, Skyline Heights, Dallas, Texas.
Ben R. Stripling, Gladewater, Tex.
R. W. Bynum, Tularosa, New Mex.
H. J. Sedberry, Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff, Ark.
M. C. Gardner, Central, Americus, Ga.
Iver E. Miller, McLeansboro, Ill.
Frank Maddux, Dexter, Md.
W. Harold Anderson, Mt. Herman, La.
Frank Baugh, Hollis, Okla.

Resigned

M. M. Hargrove, Town Creek, Ala.
L. L. Jessup, London Bridge, Va.
J. W. Fagan, Pell City, Ala.
L. A. Rawls, Trinity, Jacksonville, Fla.
L. L. Roloff, Magnolia Park, Houston, Texas.
E. H. Acuff, Columbus, Ark.
S. C. Potts, Royalty, Texas.
Ben R. Stripling, Atlanta, Texas.
R. W. Bynum, Goodlett, Texas.
Charles W. Rector, Rochelle, Ga.
M. C. Gardner, Delray, Fla.
Iver E. Miller, Eldorado, Ill.
O. F. Dingler, Calvary, Beaumont, Texas.
James F. Heaton, Immanuel, Tulsa, Okla.
Vernie Pipes, Hobart, Okla.
J. E. Fender, Kingfisher, Okla.
J. W. Johnston, Sebree, Ky.

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

Panama is Important Mission Field, Says Bell

As a crossroads between two hemispheres and a major defense center for the nation, Panama is growing in importance as a mission field, Rev. Paul C. Bell, superintendent of Baptist mission work in the area, pointed out to the Home Mission Board's executive committee in Atlanta April 6.

Here to report on his work in the region the past two and a half years and to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta next month, Brother Bell said that Southern Baptist work had already spread to four Central American republics.

"Two years ago," he said, "there was no Spanish Baptist church in that whole area. A year ago the first church was organized, and it now has five mission stations. A few months ago a group of believers asked me to come to Costa Rica; after a revival meeting a church was organized there which now has nearly 100 members, two ordained ministers and seventeen mission stations."

The missionary said that he had been called in a similar manner to Guatemala where there were eight preachers and other believers who requested baptism.

"Central America is due to become a great center," he said. "Air travel will increase greatly after the war. There will be an influx of tourists from many countries. The completion of the inter-American highway, which we hope is not far away, will make of that region a cosmopolitan neighborhood. Already there is a noticeable tendency for those of us who follow strictly the teaching of the New Testament to be drawn closer together."

Seven missionaries, including Brother Bell, are at work under the Baptist Home Mission Board in the Canal Zone and Panama, he said.

Mission Offerings Increase

Mission offerings were up over 40% in March and 20% for the first quarter of 1944, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, has reported. Last month's total was \$82,861.47, compared with \$58,300.09 in the same month last year, while the total for the first three months was \$171,765.22, compared with \$142,223.19.

Five New Missionaries Appointed

Five new missionaries have been appointed by the Board for work in the South. Dr. Robert F. Richetson of Fort Worth, native of Georgia and a graduate of Mercer University, was named-field secretar yin the department of co-operative work with Negroes. Dr. Noble Y. Beall, head of the department, stated that Dr. Richetson would conduct institutes and Bible classes west of the Mississippi.

Rev. Bruce Maples of Ozark, Mo., was named for rural mission work in that state. Dr. Courts Redford, the Board's assistant executive secretary, announced that Rev. Maples would work in the south part of the state and that another rural worker would be appointed later for the north half of Missouri.

Dr. Redford also stated that two rural workers would be named soon for Louisiana.

Other missionaries named included Miss Esperanza M. Ramirez, Brownwood, Texas, Mexican work; Dr. T. J. DeLaughter, Maplewood, La., industrial area, and Miss Margaret Lonewolf, Indian work, Oklahoma City.

England Becomes Pagan Through Neglect of Home Missions

By Joe W. Burton

England has become pagan because of the neglect of home missions on the island, according to Rev. William C. Northcutt, secretary of the London Missionary Society.

"When the word 'missions' is used by Christians in England, it means foreign missions," said the Britisher recently in addressing the Missionary Education Movement in Atlantic City.

"We have not had the emphasis on home missions which has characterized the work of Christian people in America.

"As a consequence," declared the leader of the society which sent David Livingston to Africa, "England has become pagan to an alarming degree.

"Eighty per cent of our population is unchurched," he continued, "while only twenty per cent are members of all churches. The life of our people is pagan. We must have a new emphasis on home missions."

Grace Is Amazing

By Mrs. L. O. Cotey

When Marie came to the Emergency Home in New Orleans, her name was on the membership of another church, but she was troubled.

"What is grace?" she would ask. "What is salvation? What is the meaning of the Crucifixion? How can I know that I am saved?"

She was deeply in earnest. Besides speaking with her myself, I enlisted the help of our superintendent, Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, as well as that of other devout Christians.

At last she realized in her own heart the answer to all her questions. She constantly told others what she had found. She united with one of the churches in New Orleans and was radiantly happy. Brother Brantley, by her request baptized her.

One day in looking over a hymn book, she found the song, "Amazing Grace," and adopted it as her favorite song.

At any time during the day one may now hear that lovely young girl singing the song to the old-fashioned meter.

"Grace surely is amazing—I know that, myself," she says over and over.

Good Will Center Has Open House

Open house at the Good Will Center in Ensley was held when the Alabama W. M. U. Convention met here.

The first night's program of the convention was focused on the work of the center. The Kiddy Band played, and the older girls dramatized the W. M. U. hymn for the year, "The Morning Light is Breaking." They wore foreign costumes that were borrowed from the W. M. U. office.

During the session of the Conven-

tion nearly two hundred visited the Center. Miss Gladys Keith, one of the speakers on the Convention program, spoke to the Mothers Club following the session.

New Mexican Baptist Church Organized in San Antonio

A new Mexican Baptist Church has been organized in San Antonio, according to Missionary Felix Buldain.

There are forty-three charter members of the congregation, which bears the name Templo Bautista Mexicano. Six members are in the armed forces.

Eight ministers constituted the presbytery in the service of organization. Missionary Buldain is serving temporarily as pastor.

The building which they have purchased is in a thickly populated area of the city, according to Brother Buldain.

This is the fifth Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio, he adds.

Mission School Bears Fruit

Rev. J. B. Parker, Spanish worker in New Mexico, reports that the school of missions in southern Illinois was the highlight of his work the past month.

In addition to speaking from once to twice a day, Brother Parker answered questions about missions until late in the night.

Several young people expressed a desire to do Home Mission work. The information given, Brother Parker thinks, will also bear fruit with the older people since they now have a new vision of missions on the home front.

Gospel Team Work Demonstrated

The opening of Spanish services in Tampa has been announced by Rev. Alex Pasetti, Italian missionary.

At the first three meetings with the attendance averaging eleven, the missionary reported that he hesitated to give an invitation.

"I felt that I must do so at the last meeting," he writes, "the result was one man converted and two women showed great interest."

At this service, Mrs. Pasetti, who does not understand Spanish, felt that the Holy Spirit was working through the message.

"Somehow," she said to her husband after they returned home, "I felt that you were striving for the conversion of someone present and I prayed while you preached."

I did not know of her praying, the missionary relates, nor did she know of her answered prayer until we were home.

What great team work—the preacher speaking, the wife praying, and the Holy Spirit working!

Indian Books Are Popular

The new Indian series published by the Home Mission Board in the first month since being brought from the press have had such a wide sale that reprints will soon be made on some of the titles. The entire list of six books is being used throughout the South in schools of missions, and plans are already being made for their study in summer assemblies. The books are on sale at Baptist book

stores.

Indians Pray While They Work

Indians of Arizona pray while they work and work while they pray in building a new mission chapel, according to Rev. C. F. Frazier, Home Board missionary.

"It was almost like having a revival," he reported in telling about work with the Indians on the new construction at Sells. "We had devotional service each morning at the breakfast table. We now have the walls up to the windows.

"It is wonderful how the Indians work together on a church building. They all take food, money, and their ration books and all eat together in an atmosphere of the finest fellowship. They would not think of accepting wages for their work.

"There is never an ugly word spoken on the job. I have never seen an Indian smoke a cigarette since I have been with them. I know some of them do smoke, but they never let me see them."

Cornerstone for the new building was placed in a Sunday afternoon service recently, the missionary states. He expected the chapel, built of adobe, to be completed early in April.

Albuquerque Indians Have New Building

By George Wilson

The people of the Baptist Indian Center of Albuquerque and their friends are thrilled over the prospect of soon being in our new building.

They have reported faithfully for work each evening this week to get the chapel ready for the first service. There has been an average of twenty-two people there for the past five evenings, most of them having done a hard day's work already, and they are really doing fine work.

Surely the Lord did mean for us to have this building. It is already meaning much to us. The man from whom we bought the property still insists that he never did want to sell, so we feel the Lord's hand was leading. Some of the Baptist people are beginning to ask about the possibility of having an Indian Baptist church in Albuquerque, and seem very much interested in having a place where they feel they have a church home. We are praying earnestly for the Lord's leadership in this matter.

—BR—

THE SAME OLD NOTICE

Below we make some requests that have been made before and will continue to be made:

1. By looking on page four our readers will learn that obituaries and obituary resolutions are published free provided there are not more than 200 words. Over 200 words are one cent each.

2. Resolutions or articles in memory of those who have passed away months ago are one cent per word.

3. We cannot publish any kind of an article regardless of its merits unless the name of the writer is signed to the article. If the writer does not wish his name used and will so indicate it, we will be glad to omit it. But we must know the name of the writer. Almost every day we receive an unsigned article—sometimes a short one and sometimes a long one. And the reason they are not published is because they are not signed.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. L. D. SELLERS

Centerville Church, Carroll County,
Sends List

Although it is a small rural church, Centerville church, Carroll county, feels the need of information and has sent a list of more than 50% of its resident families. Rev. L. D. Sellers is the beloved pastor. Mrs. W. B. Duggins in sending the list wrote, "It was through the good work of our pastor, Rev. L. D. Sellers, that we succeeded in getting the Record in our church." She later wrote, "The Record has certainly helped arouse the interest of our members."

Record readers in Carroll county are listed as follows: Avalon 2; Coila 7; McCarley 2; NEW SALEM 21; NORTH CARROLLTON 37; Providence 6; VAIDEN 42; HARMONY 10; CALVARY 12; OLDTOWN 16, and CENTERVILLE 8.

Poplar Springs, Newton County,
Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

Led by Pastor W. W. Clark, Poplar Springs church in Newton county has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The pastor is a student at Mississippi College and realizes the need of informing his people.

Record readers in Newton county are listed as follows: BETHEL 17; Beulah 2; CENTER RIDGE 15; CHUNKY 24; CLARKE-VENABLE 91; CONEHATTA 34; GOOD HOPE 16; HICKORY 74; LAWRENCE 14; LIBERTY 54; Little Rock 6; MT. NEBO 11; MIDWAY 18; Mt. Pleasant 2; Mt. Vernon 2; NEWTON 164; Oakland 1; PINKNEY 37; POPLAR SPRINGS 21; CROSS ROADS 23; PROVIDENCE 25; Roberts 1; ROCK BRANCH 10; ROCK HILL 16; STRATTON 12; UNION 155; PINE GROVE 12; DUFFEE 20; NEW IRELAND 23; Hopewell 4; NEW FELLOWSHIP 18, and PLEASANT HILL 39.

Country Church is EVERY
FAMILY Number 719

Yes, the name is Country Baptist Church. It is located in Benton county. Rev. E. A. Sutry is the pastor. Recently the EVERY FAMILY list came in. Almost day by day both large and small churches are adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Benton county now has Record readers listed as follows: ASHLAND



MERLE FRANCES PETTIGREW

Limestone Church, Lee County,
is EVERY FAMILY

Since I became pastor of this church four years ago, it has become one of Lee county's highly spiritual rural churches. It has some real consecrated responsive members as has ever been my privilege to serve. We have remodeled the church, installed new furniture and T. V. A. lighting system. We have a splendid Sunday school under the efficient leadership of Deacon L. O. Coggins, superintendent, with Felix Harmon, Sunday school secretary. In the fall of '42 the church, under the leadership of Miss Olline Coggins, installed a library. When we received our Now Club quota we paid the three payments in advance. Our offerings to all phases of the work are satisfactory. During this period the church has tripled the pastor's salary. The pastor has conducted all the revival meetings with good results. Since we have the E. F. Plan, with The Baptist Record as assistant pastor, we expect to go forward in a great way. The above picture is Merle Frances Pettigrew, age 13 (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Pettigrew), who was elected church pianist at the age of 12. With Miss Jo Bell Irvin choir director. Mrs. L. O. Coggins is superintendent of the W. M. U., which is doing a good work in the church. Recently the church elected Brother Richard Harmon and Brother Merle Pettigrew to the board of deacons. With this addition we are expecting greater developments. Bro. Goodrich, in going places we invite you to visit us.—W. C. Ballard, pastor.

—BR—

Sunday School and B.T.U. Attendance

	SS	BTU
Moselle (Jones) (April 2) ----	47	44
Enon (Panola) (April 2) ----	29	36
Ellistown (April 2) ----	75	47
Winona (April 2) ----	174	---
Philadelphia ----	390	---
Griffith Memorial ----	577	267
Calvary Jackson ----	1038	211
First Baptist Jackson ----	1112	263
Cross Roads (Webster) ----	36	---
West Laurel ----	542	124
Shelton (Jones) ----	52	---
Steen's Creek (Rankin) ----	140	9
Crystal Springs ----	458	110
Grenada ----	92	---
Hardy ----	75	---
New Albany ----	500	172
West Side Natchez ----	109	38
Parkway ----	562	137
Calvary Tupelo ----	317	90
Walterville ----	41	32
Center (Union) ----	55	44
Calvary Greenwood ----	160	---

—BR—

Mrs. Jack Craig, church clerk at Tillatoba, recently sent in a nice list of renewals.

67; CANAAN 11; Curtis Creek 1; Flat Rock 3; HAMILTON 21; HICKORY FLAT 9; Lonoke 1; PLEASANT HILL 11; SLAYDE 36; Bluff Springs 1, and COUNTRY 13.



BOARD MEMBERS

Blue Mountain, Miss., April 3—Members of the board of trustees of Blue Mountain College as they appeared at their annual meeting recently. Two were absent because of illness. Back row, left to right: Dr. Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; A. J. Guyton, Blue Mountain; Dr. V. Ward Barr, Corinth; Dr. A. B. Pierce, New Albany. Middle row, left to right: Deck L. Fair, Louisville; Dr. Frank M. Powell, Tupelo; Dr. W. H. Ander-

son, Booneville; Dr. A. J. Stacy, Tupelo; Paul Owen, New Albany. Front row, left to right: Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of the college; Mrs. Wirt Carpenter, Starkville; Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Walnut Grove; Miss Jennie Stevens, Canton; Mrs. Emma K. Armstrong (former member of the board); J. P. Kirkland, Walnut, president of the Board. The absent members are: John W. Collier, Leland; Dr. W. L. Johnson, Philadelphia.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SUMMER
SESSIONS TO OPEN ON
JULY THIRD

Clinton, April 7—Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, has announced that the summer session of Mississippi College will commence July 3 and continue through the last week of August. Dr. Nelson emphasized that special arrangements will be made for any teacher who wishes to enter Mississippi College on or about the first of May. Teachers who enter at that time can complete the equivalent of an eight terms of work before the regular summer session begins.

The next regular sixteen-week of Mississippi College begins the first week in July and will extend through October. High school graduates who enter at that time can complete the equivalent of one semester's College work during the sixteen week term. Special arrangements will be made for students who wish to enter school in September. They will begin work on September 4th and complete approximately one-half of a semester's work before the end of the term.

Mississippi College offers a number of Honor Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students graduating with the highest scholastic honors from various accredited high schools and junior colleges. Specific conditions of these scholarships can be obtained from the College.

In addition there are available a number of Fellowships in the various Departments of the College. These are open to members of the junior and senior classes with outstanding rank in scholarship and department.

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PROVIDENCE CHURCH GAINS
MEMBERS

The Providence church received three adults for baptism following a revival held at the Gore Springs high school, sponsored by the Junior Girl Reserves. Rev. Oliver Hood of Slate Springs did the preaching. We wonder if similar action in other communities might not be advisable.—W. R. Austin, pastor.

PROGRAM FOR CHURCH PRESS
CONVENTION SET

Chicago — (RNS) — A number of prominent church leaders will be featured speakers here at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, scheduled to convene at the Stevens Hotel April 18-20. The organization includes in its membership editors of Protestant church periodicals in this country and Canada.

Opening address at the three-day session will be given by Dr. Luman J. Shafer of New York, associate secretary of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace and for 25 years a missionary to Japan. Dr. Shafer will discuss "What Kind of a Peace Can the Church Support?"

Speakers on the second day will include Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, whose subject will be "The Church Between Two Worlds," and Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of the Churchman, whose address is scheduled as "I Saw the War in London."

On April 20th, a talk entitled "If I Were the Editor of a Church Paper" will be presented by Dr. William F. McDermott, religious editor of the Chicago Daily News. The closing address, "What the Church Press Ought to Do for the Church Member," will be delivered by Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Other speakers will be Dr. Leland D. Case, editor of the Rotarian; Dr. Clarence Hall, editor of the Link, servicemen's monthly; Dr. Carlyle Adams, editor of the Presbyterian Tribune and Church Times; and Louis Minsky, managing editor of Religious News Service, New York.

An informal tea will be tendered delegates on April 19 by Religious News Service.

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West Point: 307 united with the church during the past two years—not including the ones who join today. Of this 307, 101 came by baptism, 187 by letter, two under watch care, one by statement and 16 by restoration.

BEULAH CHURCH IS ACTIVE

At the Beulah church in Jones county a Training Union study course, with Miss Elizabeth Finch of Ellisville as the teacher has been planned for the week after the fourth Sunday in April. The revival will be held the fourth Sunday in August. The average attendance at the Sunday school is 60, and the B. T. U. and Brotherhood averages 89. The Brotherhood sent an offering of \$25.66 to the work in Alaska recently.—Mrs. T. O. Sumrall.

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NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE
Sardis Baptist Church
April 18, 1944

- 9:45—Devotional—E. C. Horton.
10:00—Report from Pastors.
10:30—The Church Teaching and Training Its Members—H. L. Martin.
11:00—The Church Using Its Members in Service—W. E. Lee.
11:30—A Preview of Galatians—H. J. Rushing.
12:00—Lunch.
1:15—Songs and Prayer.
1:25—Galatians 1—H. R. Henderson.
2:05—Galatians 2—A. T. Cinnamon.
2:40—Galatians 3—J. B. Middleton.
3:20—Miscellaneous and adjournment.

A. H. Childress, Secretary.

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LINN CHURCH HAS FINE YEAR

Linn Baptist Church in Sunflower county, has received 74 members under the leadership of Clark McMurray, pastor, in not quite a year. All of these except 17 came on profession of faith. The church is building a pastor's home, which is almost completed. They "paid as they built." Attendance at Sunday school is approximately 140 and 80 in Training Union.—Mrs. E. C. Cotten.

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CHRISTMAS EVE ON A TROOP TRAIN

"Most unusual of my experiences as a chaplain were the carol services I conducted on December 24th, on The Challenger, fast coach train on the Southern Pacific. Two sailors and two WAVES were talking that morning about other Christmas Eves when they would go from home to home and sing the Christmas Carols. Then one of them said, 'Why couldn't we sing carols tonight? Perhaps the chaplain would like to say a few words, and we could have a lovely time.' The idea grew and the enthusiasm took hold like a snowball being pushed through wet snow. That evening proved to be a most unforgettable one as the service men and women in six coaches, without words or music, followed the singing leadership of a corporal and then listened to the reading of the Magnificat, and St. Luke's version of the Christ's birth, the few words of comment by the chaplain, and then the closing prayer. I do not know their names, their church, their background; I only know their hearts hungered and their faces glowed with gladness and joy as the train sped on its way on Christmas Eve, 1943." (Chaplain's Monthly Report.)

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Winona: The W. M. U. Annie Armstrong offering here was \$136.75.—C. B. Hamlett, pastor.

GIRL STRENGTHENS SOLDIER'S FAITH

Excerpts from a letter written to the Cedar Grove church, Lena, Miss., follow:

"I am a soldier in the United States Army and I'll be pulling out in a few hours. . . I came in here this morning as lonely as could be and scared to death about sailing. I wanted to talk to someone pretty bad, so when the girl at the employment desk near the door said 'Hello' I walked in and asked her if she had a job for me. . . She said she would try to get me one when I got through with the one I have now. I told her maybe there wouldn't be jobs or anything afterwards; that if a fellow could only be sure something would come through worth dying for—it wouldn't be so bad. She smiled (she has a friendly kind of smile), and said, 'That's easy. Christ is coming through and He's worth dying for.' I was so surprised that I just sat and looked at her. She talked like He was alive and a good pal of hers. I sort of expected to see Him walk in the door, it was so real. I was there only about ten minutes and I didn't know why but her talking like that did something to me. I'm not lonely any more and I'm not afraid. It was as she had said, 'I want you to know my friend Jesus, you ought to know each other because He'll be going your way.'

"I'm 18 and I never knew before that there was a God like that, who would go along with a fellow. It doesn't matter so much now if my ship does go down, as long as there is a God had no sub can sink. One that won't even change from what's right, even if the war goes on forever! "I wanted to tell that girl in the employment room, 'Thank you,' but I didn't want her to think of me as being 'fresh.' Maybe you could tell her for me—Thank you."—Pvt. Joe Odom.

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BAPTISTS DEPLORE DANCING IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Oklahoma City, Okla.—(RNS)—Holding that "great numbers of the tax-paying citizens of Oklahoma deem dancing to be morally wrong" and deploring the use of public property for social dances, 1,000 Baptists here have challenged the right of the Oklahoma City school board to set up "teen towns" which include dancing in school buildings.

The resolution, drafted by representative Baptist pastors, was adopted by the members of the Oklahoma City and county training school at a mass-meeting at the First Baptist Church.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor of the church and chairman of the committee which drafted the resolution, said the issue is not whether dancing is right or wrong, but whether the school board can allow buildings, built and maintained with taxpayers' money, to be used for dancing.

The resolution emphasized the need for concern over juvenile delinquency and commended many features of the "teen town" movement which is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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The Annie W. Armstrong Home Mission offering at Hazlehurst has already exceeded \$300. More is expected.

WHY?

In a letter to the editor, a layman discusses the debt situation. We quote excerpts below:

"Why what? Why the falling off in receipts for the Now Club? We may as well look the matter squarely in the face. I must confess that I am not as optimistic over the early payment of our debts as I was before my trip to the meeting of the State Convention Board. For on my way to Jackson I talked with two pastors of full time churches. They both said their churches had paid what they were asked to pay. They said many other full time churches had done the same and we were a little over two-thirds out of debt. That leaves a big balance to be raised largely by the smaller churches and the addition the larger churches would make to their contributions. Both of these pastors were very doubtful that their churches would contribute one-third of what they had contributed.

"How about the smaller churches' leadership? We have many preachers in Mississippi who have received the benefits of Mississippi College and one of our seminaries, and their wives the benefits of Blue Mountain and Woman's College who have turned a deaf ear to the calls to free these institutions from the shackles of debt. It seems to me that is ingratitude to the highest degree. Can we expect many churches with such leadership to get under the load and rid our Convention of its debts? I know a few churches in spite of such leadership are getting to an extent under the load, but not nearly so much as they would under proper leadership.

"Now reader, if you are one of these preachers, whom you say to the churches and the world that God has called you to be a leader or under-shepherd, I beg you in Christ's name to think on this. And may you realize what an ingrate to your colleges and to God you have been, remembering the words of our Lord: 'He that is not for me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.' Have you been gathering or scattering?

"We also have many laymen who have received these benefits and are in position to help in this time of need that are not helping. May their eyes also be opened to the need and their responsibility and opportunity.

"I know from past experience that these smaller churches will respond to this call when it is properly presented to them."—T. T. Gooch.

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SPOON-FEEDING A SACRED COW

Ration food if you will. Ration coffee. Freeze the price of milk. Put a farmer in jail for selling the hind quarter of a beef killed on his own feed lot. Do anything in the wide world, under the star-spangled dome of heaven, to win this war. But if you touch liquor you are just a wall-eyed, crepe-hanging fanatic. Behold the sacred cow who has to be spoon-fed with ambrosia and myrrh! Who-soever tries to ration her diet down to common chop feed is condemned into the seventh hell with a white hot waffle iron grid of public opprobrium pressing his tummy and warping his backbone.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE,
The Sage of Emporia.

CLERGYMEN PLAN WIDESPREAD CHURCH OBSERVANCE ON INVASION DAY

Montgomery, Ala.—(RNS)—Local clergymen of all faiths, both Negro and white, in collaboration with the Civilian Defense Council, have completed plans here for a widespread church observance on Invasion Day—the day when Allied forces launch their attack on continental Europe.

Instead of a downtown mass meeting, members of the city's several churches will gather at their own churches for a quiet service of "prayer and rededication to God." Prayer for success of the invasion, a quick end to the war, and lasting peace will be keynotes of the services.

Paul Fuller, chairman of the Montgomery Civilian Defense Council, has been selected to announce the day of invasion. This information will reach Mr. Fuller from State Civilian Defense headquarters somewhat in advance of general announcement and he has set up an organization for relaying this word to the individual pastors. First word will be flashed through these channels from the Office of War Information.

The pastors' group has approved holding services in the late afternoon of Invasion Day if confirmation of news is received before 2 p. m. If announcement comes after 2 p. m. the services will be held the following day.

The program will start with three full minutes of reverent cessation from all activity throughout the city. Traffic will stop; work benches will stand idle; and what the pastors describe as "a spiritual hush" will fall upon the Alabama capital. Churches will then throw open their doors for individual prayer and at 8 p. m., a short service will be conducted in each church, large and small, through the city by its own pastor. Buglers will be stationed throughout the city, both business and residential districts, to sound the call for three minutes of prayer.

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THE WRITINGS OF MATTIE DEAR

The Clarksdale Press, one of the large delta dailies, carries a page for the colored people of that section. One feature on this page is a column under the caption of "The Writings of Mattie Dear." She is an old colored woman. One of the recent paragraphs in her column was so full of homely philosophy we quote from it:

"I was worried about my boys going to the camp, and I talked to Jesus about it, and now I am satisfied. . . Do you know we are living in a dangerous time, and it takes nothing but earnest prayer to get this thing settled. The Lord can and will stop this war if you call Him Bright, and some of these people here don't seem to give it a thought, but let me tell you one thing. Prayer sure will bring things out all right. Prayer brought Daniel out of the lions' den. Safe prayer raised Lazarus out of the grave, and prayer will settle this war, too. All you need is faith. I am willing to buy stamps and bonds. But prayers beat all of that. If you don't believe it, just try it. People are dying all kinds of ways, but they are still mean."



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GOVERNMENT AND BAPTIST HOSPITALS

Some extracts from an address made to the Southern Baptist Editors Association at Jackson, Mississippi, February 2, 1942, by Louis J. Bristow, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital:

The first approach of the government was made before Pearl Harbor. The act was an innocuous one, merely making an appropriation to aid hospitals in "increasing the teaching and supervisory staff" of schools of nursing and "for purchasing teaching equipment and supplies." Many schools made application for grants. A year later under the guise of "national defense" as was stated in the bill, the Congress made a much larger appropriation for "established schools of nursing," which law gave the surgeon general modest supervision of certain phases of the work. After Pearl Harbor the Lanham Act began its work. The great demand for enlarged hospital facilities led some Baptist hospitals to ask for and receive grants-in-aid for hospital buildings, nurses homes, etc.—direct appropriations by the government to Baptist institutions. A representative approached the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, suggesting that it enlarge its bed capacity at a cost of half a million dollars, of which the government would make a grant of \$365,000. The Board of Directors declined, upon the ground that it would violate the traditional principle of Baptists respecting gifts of tax money.

Then came the Medical Education Act, under which medical students are educated at the expense of the government. Such students are required to enlist in the army or navy, and are subject to orders. A recent order from the P & A division of the W. M. C. reducing the number of internes a hospital might have, caused consternation among many such medical graduates, compelling them to go not where they wished, but where they were sent, to serve.

There is the Maternity Care Act under which wives of service men and others get hospital service at government expense.

The Bolton Cadet Nurse Act makes liberal appropriations to hospitals for schools of nursing, and gives the surgeon general practically complete control over the schools which accept the grants. Section 2, paragraph b, says: "Nurses under the plan will be provided the course of study and training standards prescribed by the surgeon general." Section 2, paragraph c, says the surgeon general shall prescribe the uniforms and maintenance of students. There are other sections giving the surgeon general authority. It is futile to say the surgeon general will not exercise his authority. I am not saying he will; but the authority is given him.

I feel accepting federal government money is violative of the time-honored Baptist position in such matters. Some Baptist hospitals accepted money under the Bolton Act. Thirteen of 15 superintendents who did so have written to me that they did so in the fear that if they did not go into the Cadet Nurse Plan they would not be able to get student nurses. I feel that fear is not warranted. Baptist schools which have not gone into it have not experienced difficulty in getting students.

The law is not intended to be "for the purpose of filling the nurse quota

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL LEADS

According to figures published in the Journal of the American Medical Association for March 25th, Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans in 1943 admitted a larger number of patients than were admitted to any other non-government-owned hospital in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention: and only one church-owned hospital in the United States admitted a larger number—Methodist at Indianapolis, Indiana. Two other hospitals (both in Hartford, Conn.) admitted a larger number of patients than did Southern Baptist Hospital. Thus only three non-government hospitals in the United States admitted a larger number of patients.

Of course, some tax-supported hospitals had more patients—such as the U. S. Navy Hospital at Great Lakes; Cook County Hospital at Chicago; Bellevue at New York; and Boston City Hospital. These public tax-supported hospitals had from 38,000 to 64,000 patients each. But Southern Baptist at New Orleans led in the South and was fourth in the nation in number of patients admitted.

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Morton: Our annual revival will begin Sunday, April 23, and run through April 30th. Dr. Sam Rushing of Baton Rouge, La., will do the preaching with Rev. M. E. Perry of Leakesville, Miss., leading the singing. Rev. Ray M. Dykes, our pastor, is making substantial progress and seems to be getting things well in hand.—Reporter.

for the armed services, since these services have no difficulty in securing all the nurses they need," according to a letter from the U. S. P. H. S. addressed to me. It appears to be just another step towards socializing all medical and hospital services, as is frankly proposed in the Wagner-Murray Bill, S-1161.

Another objection is the serious doubt among Baptist hospital superintendents themselves. Nine of those who accepted federal government money for their schools frankly express their doubt of the wisdom of the procedure; and say they fear the consequences. Where there is honest doubt, I feel it is unwise to follow such a course.

Its sponsors do not regard the Cadet Nurse Act as a war measure only. Miss Licille Petry, who is its direct administrator, in an article in the MODERN HOSPITAL, September, 1943, says: "Public support of nurse education, which would not have been taught in peace time, will reveal facts about the cost of nurse education" which will cause the Cadet Nurse law to "extend far into the post-war period." It is not intended to be merely a war-time measure.

There is pending now in the Senate Bill 1611, commonly known as the Wagner-Murray Bill, which frankly proposes to socialize all medical, dental and hospital service in the United States. All such practice is placed under the direct control of the surgeon general by the terms of that bill. And I feel that all these other acts are but steps in a well-formulated, long-range plan to destroy all privately owned hospitals, along with all private medical practice. Our people should beware of the politician who supports these measures.

MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NEGRO MINISTERIAL EDUCATION IN ATLANTA, GA.

The joint committee on Negro Ministerial Education met at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 18-19, 1944. The meeting was attended by official representatives from the Southern Baptist Convention, the Northern Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. Also were present the presidents and representatives of ten Negro colleges in the South, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., and the Board of Education and the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Present also were the presidents of the three white Southern Baptist Seminaries—the Baptist Bible Institute; Southwestern Baptist Seminary and the Southern Theological Seminary; and the American Baptist Theological Seminary for Negroes; and representatives from Andover Newton Theological Seminary; Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Crozer Theological Seminary, and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

The joint committee discussed the problems of Negro Ministerial Education as it related to the whole program of theological training of Negro Baptist preachers. A review of the situation revealed that while some progress had been made in the training of Negro Baptist ministers since the organization of the committee in 1937, the lack of education on the part of the vast majority of the pastors of Negro churches is deplorable.

The committee after careful study, adopted resolutions looking forward to facing the problems of helping our Negro churches to secure a better theologically trained ministry.

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FAITH

Some highlights from an article by Mrs. Zella Magee on Abraham are reproduced below:

"Abram was called by God from Ur to go to a land He would show him. Regardless of the exact time the call came, what is most important is that Abram answered God's call. . . . It was a call to a complete break in his manner of life. . . . It was his faith that singled him out in God's call, and stamped him on the hearts of men. . . . It was not ambition, enterprise, restlessness nor greed for gain that drove him forth into unknown lands. God gave him a challenging promise, 'I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing—and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.' After his experiences in Egypt where he was driven by famine, Abram returned and built an altar to God. God gave him a new name, 'Abraham.' God calls all of us as He called Abraham. It might not be to move into another country . . . but He calls us to do what we can with what we have. Our names may not be changed, but if we answer God's call we shall be new creatures in Christ Jesus, and our conversation will be pure and clean. 'If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land.'—2nd Chron. 7:15.

West Point: The per capita gifts, based on our 675 resident members is \$35.95. 47% of all money disbursed by the church in the past two years has gone for missions and benevolences. Much of this large increase in gifts is due to the over 200 tithers in our church. God is richly blessing us in every way.—Reporter.

Since going to Meadville, Pastor W. C. Stewart has received 18 new members into the church. He is happy over the fine spirit in all the work, and finds many tithers among his people. The adult union in the B. T. U. department has 22 members with more to be added. Recently two chairs were purchased for the men's Bible class, more than enough money being donated to pay for them. The Sunday school and Training Union as a whole are doing good work.

Trinity Baptist Church in Fulton has called F. V. McFatrige of Plantersville as pastor. He will preach each Sunday afternoon. The church is busy and happy. They have enrolled 77 in the Sunday school, of which Dr. R. L. Senter is superintendent. A. M. Graham leads the music. The Workers' Council of the church and prayer meeting are held on Friday nights. The Woman's Missionary Union meets Monday afternoons. The church is receiving new members at their regular services. "Pastor McFatrige is leading in support of all causes of Christ to the ends of the earth. The Fulton News-Beacon recently carried a good report of the new church's activities.

News has come of the death of E. S. P'Pool of Hattiesburg. He had enjoyed a long period of service in Mississippi as pastor of Baptist churches and as evangelist. He recently resigned as probation officer of Forrest county. Survivors are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. D. C. Ware of Hattiesburg, and Mrs. George Bryson, of Kansas City, and five granddaughters.

Correction: Rev. J. R. Davis declined the call to Highland, Meridian, and will remain at Paris, Ky., as pastor.—Chester M. Savage.

Daniel Baptist Church: The Lord is very graciously blessing Daniel Baptist Church. During the last four months forty-four new members have been added to the church, all of whom have come in the regular services. During this time the attendance has more than doubled in all the services of the church. The E. F. Plan has recently been adopted and The Baptist Record now goes to all of our Baptist homes. Funds are now being raised to pay for the construction of an educational plant which is to be built in the near future. A substantial raise in salary has already been given to the pastor.

The Goodwater church, Simpson county, recently bought new pews for the church. Guy Little is pastor.

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ARE YOU LOOKING AHEAD? DISTRICT TRAINING UNION CONVENTIONS JUNE 5-23

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE BY STORY HOUR MEMBERS

Tell me a story is the request we hear from children of Story Hour age, and then they like to tell you a story. Bible stories are the best stories for them to learn to tell, so in our Training Union set-up we have the Story Hour mainly that the Bible may be taught to these boys and girls. In our District Conventions we will have stories by Story Hour members. Would you like to have one of your members tell a Bible story at the convention in your district this year? Why not begin right away, and plan for just that?

Each Story Hour leader should lead as many of her members as possible to learn Bible stories, selecting the one who tells his story the best to represent the union in the Associational meeting. If he wins first place there he should come to the District Convention, and there tell his story along with the representatives from other associations in the district. If your association does not have this contest, then your member is eligible to tell his story at the District Convention anyway.

The rules are as follows:

1. Each contestant will be allowed two minutes to tell his story.
2. The entrants will be graded on:
 - a. Adherence to the real facts in the story.
 - b. Realness of the story to the child.
 - c. Distinctness of delivery.
3. Any Bible story may be used, preferably the child's own selection.
4. The child must be of Story Hour age—under nine.

Be a good booster for the convention. Help us make it the most worthwhile meeting of the year. We appreciate your work as a leader. You are making the work of the leaders of older people easier. The seed you plant in the heart of the child will be harvested in later years, and to your account the Lord will give due credit.

RIDGECREST CALLS YOU FOR ONE OF THREE WEEKS—JULY 19-AUGUST 3. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

West Laurel Starts Training School With Banquet

The banquet hall was beautifully decorated and a hundred thirty members of the West Laurel Training Union gathered as the initial step in their training school. After a delightful meal the program was in the hands of Mr. O. F. Watts, director of Music and Education of the West Laurel church. Miss Barbara Boutwell was at the piano and a program of group singing was enjoyed. A devotional thought brought this part of the program to a close. The Juniors met in the afternoon and studied Living for Jesus, Mrs. O. F. Watts teaching. Mr. Watts taught the Intermediates Not Your Own. Pastor and Mrs. Gerald Riddell also taught, Mrs. Riddell teaching the Young People Living for Jesus, and Bro. Riddell led the Adults in the study of Christian Leadership. An average attendance of 120 resulted in 110 taking the final examinations. Congratulations are in order and we thank Mrs. Bill Boutwell for this splendid report.

The "Buddy" Idea at Work in Lincoln

At the last meeting of the Lincoln Associational Training Union the "Buddy" idea was adopted and every church that has a union adopted a church that did not have a union. Carrying out the idea First church Brookhaven has contacted its Buddy, Mission Hill, and on the afternoon of Sunday, March 12, the Taylor Intermediate Union gave a demonstration program. During the following week representatives from the Brookhaven Training Union went out each night and conducted a study course for each age group. Mr. A. S. Minton, Associational director, taught the Adult Manual; Miss Blake Nations, Associational Intermediate leader, taught the Intermediate Manual; Miss Nellie Leggett, Associational Junior leader, taught the Junior Manual. After the closing period on Thursday night, Brother Jas. L. Sullivan, pastor of the Brookhaven church, brought a very inspiring message. On Friday night, after class periods, a social was enjoyed. There were games, refreshments and a Friendship Circle.

It was a good week. There is a fine spirit among the Mission Hill people. They have the possibilities of a good Training Union. Their church membership is about 170. A total of 48 qualified for awards in the study course. They plan to go into a building program right away. We feel sure that under the leadership of their fine pastor, Rev. J. B. Hemphill, we are going to continue to hear good reports of their work and growth.

Thanks to Miss Blake Nations for this inspiring report.

Put a red circle around these dates—they are the dates of the District Conventions—June 5, Tate Street Corinth; June 6, Blue Mountain; June 7, Mathiston; June 8, Louisville; June 9, Pachuta; June 12, First Laurel; June 13, Mt Olive; June 14, Goodyear, Picayune; June 15, Brookhaven; June 16, First Vicksburg; June 19, Mizpah, Rankin county; June 20, Sallis; June 21, Inverness; June 22, Friendship No. 2, Tallahatchie county; June 23, Crowder.

JUNE IS ALSO MISSISSIPPI OUT OF DEBT MONTH. HAVE A PART IN THE SPECIAL OFFERING. EVERY MEMBER OF EVERY CHURCH PAR-

PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FRIDAY, APRIL 21st Picayune, Mississippi

Purpose of this called session is Fellowship, Information, Inspiration, Promotion and Election of Associate Moderator.

PROGRAM

Morning Session

10:00—Devotion	S. P. Powell
10:20—Roll Call of Churches, Receiving of Messengers from the Churches.	
10:30—Greetings, Plans and Appeals from Associational Organizations:	
B. T. U.	Morrell Lee
W. M. U.	Mrs. Jesse Megehee
Brotherhood	B. C. Cox
Sunday School	Willis Boatner
11:20—Season of Music	W. L. Compere
11:30—Missionary Message	Secretary D. A. McCall
12:20—Lunch and Fellowship.	

Afternoon Session

1:20—Call to Worship	James Horton
1:40—General "Round-up"	D. W. Nix
2:00—Miscellaneous Discussion—Round Table.	
2:40—Today's Christian Challenge	E. F. Haight
3:10—Adjourn.	

Evening Session

7:30—Devotion in Songs	W. L. Compere
8:00—Evangelism	Secretary D. A. McCall

TICIPATING IS THE GOAL.

May 1-5 Red Letter Days for Pastors

Yes, we have already announced these special conferences for pastors only. But we say again—we hope every pastor in the state will be with us in one of the conferences. Thank you pastors' wives for helping us get the pastors' minds set on attending. Perhaps next year we will ask you to "bring" your husband and we'll have a special conference for you.

Congratulations to the W. M. U. They had in Jackson last week one of the best conventions ever held in Mississippi. We rejoice with them in the growing interest in Kingdom affairs. They are leading on.

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Thousands upon thousands of Service Men are in our state now! They will pass on tomorrow. Will we give them the Gospel, the ministry of the Word—NOW? Next year will be too late.

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April—Training

April is rapidly getting by and with it the special spring month for Sunday school training courses. This is the special April emphasis for every Sunday school.

It is pleasing to note that a great number of schools have already had these classes and sent in their reports. Many others will yet do so, and we hope that many, many others will yet come in even though they do not get to complete the course during April. Any time is a good time to train the workers of a Sunday school.

Blanks for reporting these classes will be gladly sent on request.

Ridgecrest

There are two Sunday school weeks this year at Ridgecrest, namely, July 5-11 and July 12-18. The program will be the same for each week and will include both the regular Sunday school conference work and general sessions as heretofore and also special conferences for associational officers. In addition, there will be special conferences conducted on Church Architecture, Visual Education and Church Library Service.

These will be two great weeks for our Sunday school people. Plan now to attend one week. Write early to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C., for reservation. In doing this designate the week desired.

Macon

On Sunday, March 26, the Macon Sunday school had every person enrolled except 16 and they had six visitors. The school grade was 80. Rev. R. D. Pearson is the pastor and L. L. Martin the superintendent.

Congratulations to them and their workers on this excellent record.

The April Builder

The April Sunday School Builder has four articles that merit careful study. These articles provide excellent material for study in the weekly officers' and teachers' meeting or in the monthly workers' conference. They are:

"157 Baptisms a Year for Ten Years," by Dr. Thomas Hansen. This is an account of excellent efforts in the Main Street church at Jacksonville, Florida. The article will be found on page 9.

"After Three Years," by Pastor J. C. Sizemore, Buchanan Street church, Amarillo, Texas. This article concerns a church that three years ago enrolled the last resident church member in Sunday school and has maintained the record for three years. The article will be found on page 14.

"The Preview Studies," by Dr. Clifton J. Allen. This is an account of what the preview studies are and how to use them. The article will be found on page 5.

"You Can Have a Larger Sunday School—NOW!" This article was prepared by G. S. Hopkins, of Texas, and sets out how any Sunday school can be made larger now. The article will be found on page 12.

"A Juvenile Court Judge Advocates Some 'Cures' for Delinquency." This is an account of an interview by Mrs. W. O. Benson, superintendent of an

Intermediate department, with a Christian judge of a juvenile court. "Children brought up in the Sunday school and church just do not get in the juvenile court," says the judge. You will find this article on page 17.

Just 11 Days

Only 11 more days and our three Sunday School Conventions will begin. They are the week of April 24-29 at New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven. We trust that every school in the state may receive some benefit as a result of these three conventions.

We hope pastors and superintendents will make special plans to get as many of their officers and teachers to attend as possible. We have tried to give our people the best in the way of conference leaders and speakers. The purpose of these conventions is to help make our 1944 schools better than ever. No matter how much we may have accomplished in other years, there is always something additional that can be gained for the improvement of the work. We are eager for these conventions to make the largest possible contribution toward this end.

For Pastors Only

The week of May 1-5 is also drawing near. That is the time when we have our five District Conferences for Pastors Only. These will be held Monday through Friday of that week at these places in the order named: Pontotoc, Ackerman, Laurel First, Brookhaven and Indianola.

These five conferences with our pastors are strictly in the interest of the Sunday school, Training Union and Vacation Bible school work for 1944. We are so very eager to have every pastor in the state present at one of those meetings. We are paying 2c per mile each way for each car coming, and the host churches are furnishing noon and evening meals free to all pastors attending. These certainly should be five great days with our pastors. We trust that each one will pray that they may be used of the Lord to further His work in our state this year.

SKENE BAPTISTS WILL HAVE HOMECOMING

Skene Baptist Church of the Bolivar Association will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 16th. The pastor, Rev. George H. Skutt, will preach at both the morning and the evening services. Revival services will be held each night of the week following, closing with the evening service on April 23rd with the pastor preaching. In connection with the Homecoming Day celebration there will be a special patriotic service in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock when the Service Flag of the church and community will be presented and dedicated. Rev. J. W. Sturdivant of the Merigold church will be the speaker for that occasion and a special musical program has been arranged. All former members of this church and all friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend these services.

CAR IS GIVEN TO PASTOR



The above picture shows H. W. Roberson, pastor at Lexington, as he presented a 1940 Chevrolet car to A. H. Miller, who has for 35 years served churches in Holmes county. While the Lexington pastor led in raising the funds, donors were the people who have appreciated the long

and devoted ministry of Pastor Miller, who gives his full time to unselfish service to all who call upon him. He serves one church in Wayne, one in Newton and six in Holmes county. His home is at Meridian. A great crowd attended the service at Lexington Baptist Church on March 5 when the gift was presented.

BOYD RESIGNS AT CLARKE COLLEGE

After serving as president of Clarke College for two years, J. L. Boyd is resigning, the resignation to take effect at the close of the present session, May 27. There will be no interruption in the operation of the school, according to President Boyd, as a successor will be in charge to assure continuous administration. Those desiring information regarding summer terms and next year's sessions

are asked to address their letters to the president of Clarke College, Newton, Miss.

In his statement, President Boyd stated that he had enjoyed his work and urged cooperation by all concerned with his successor, whoever he may be. The school is deserving of the best, according to the statement, and is evidently "an institution of Providence." He urged a larger support financially, and in attendance on the part of Mississippi Baptists and those in adjoining states.

Our 1944 Debt-Paying Task

On November 1st, 1943, our deficit in the Christian Education column stood at \$40,206.61. This deficit existed simply because we had called bonds in excess of money in hand. It saved several thousand dollars additional interest. On December 1, 1943, we called \$104,000 additional bonds, which increased this deficit to \$124,085.07 as of January 1, 1944. You were told through these columns that we did not have money in hand in this account with which to pay off these bonds. We did have the money in our own reserve with which to do it. On April 1, 1944, this deficit was reduced by receipts to \$82,214.38.

As of the above date, our 1944 debt-paying task is as follows: Deficit \$82,214.38, bonds outstanding \$52,500, interest accruing \$3,150. This gives us a total due of \$137,864.38 in the bond account. In addition, we have a \$25,000 bank note outstanding plus \$750.00 accruing interest. This makes a grand total of \$163,614.38 as constituting our entire 1944 debt-paying task. Nothing is held back in this picture. It is His Business! It is your business. It CAN be done!

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION

BOX 530

JACKSON, 105. MISSISSIPPI

MRS. WEBB BRAME IS NEW W. M. U. PRESIDENT

(Continued from Page One)

pere and Mrs. T. M. Hederman. On Memorials: Mrs. Earl Hughey, Mrs. A. K. McMillan. A committee composed of Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Mrs. D. R. Bowen and Mrs. J. H. Williams was appointed to bear greetings to the Methodist women of the state who were meeting in their annual Convention in Jackson at the same time.

An offering was taken for Convention expenses and the Library Fund. It amounted to \$120.79.

Dr. Lawrence Speaks

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., delivered the main address of the evening. His subject was "Spiritual Preparation For Our Task in the New World." "If a spiritual impact is made on the world of the future which is the mission of the Christian and churches," declared Dr. Lawrence, "several things are essential: (1) Our religion must be anchored in an experience of grace. (2) Our churches must be brought so under the spirit of Christ as that they shall be real New Testament churches. Christ must be the head and ruler. (3) An all out Evangelism."

Nominating Committee

The following nominating committee was named: District 1, Mrs. R. L. Wallace; District 2, Mrs. H. K. Sledge; District 3, Mrs. C. G. Huggins; District 4, Mrs. J. I. Thompson; District 5, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes; District 6, Mrs. Tom Barnett; District 7, Mrs. S. M. Thomas; District 8, Mrs. C. W. Stewart.

Messages of greetings were received from Miss Margaret Lackey, long-time Executive Secretary of the W. M. U. work in the state, and Mrs. Ned Rice of Charleston, a former president. The Greetings Committee was instructed to send suitable replies to these messages.

The women of the Mississippi Methodist Conference, meeting in the city at this time, responded to the messages of greetings sent them. This response was by two of their representatives.

Mrs. Mize Speaks

Mrs. W. G. Mize brought a message from the Baptist Orphanage, recounting some of the problems she and Bro. Mize are meeting in their management of the Orphanage.

Miss Traylor's Report

The work of the state was presented by Miss Fannie Traylor, the Executive Secretary, in "The Wheel of Missionary Influence." The work in the office was represented by the hub of the wheel and streamers go out to the district chairman and the chairmen of the other phases of work constitute the rim of the wheel. These brought interesting messages. All the local W. M. U. presidents were requested to stand. They were reminded by Miss Traylor that the "wheel" cannot turn without their loyal support.

Miss Traylor reported 1909 organizations of these, 1278 are among the young people. Total contributions were \$237,435.65. She stated that the large increase in contributions was a result of the emphasis placed upon stewardship by the women and the wide use of the W. M. U. literature.

President's Message

Always a high hour in the Convention is the president's message. Mrs. Street's subject was "Anchors of Righteousness." The message was an interesting recounting of the activities of Mississippi and Southern Bap-

tists which are serving as anchors of the cause of righteousness.

Mrs. Tyler's Message

"My Church Today," was the subject of a message by Mrs. W. C. Tyler, of Blue Mountain, and the recording secretary of the Southwide W. M. U. Convention. Mrs. Tyler magnified the church in placing it above all other organizations. "My church," emphasized Mrs. Tyler, "is (1) A home where the bread of life is given to the hungry; (2) A school where the word of God is taught; (3) A lighthouse in the storm to lighten the path of the traveler."

Addresses by Dr. Lipsey and Dr. Greene

The mission work in the state was discussed by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, former editor of The Baptist Record and Dr. W. E. Greene, State Board Enrollment Pastor. Dr. Lipsey emphasized that if the work abroad is done with the greatest effect the work at home must claim the first place in our activities. Dr. Greene outlined the program of the State Board's work in the state.

Miss Landrum Speaks

Miss Minnie Landrum gave an interesting report of her activities since returning on furlough to the States, spending the time in a health check-up in the Baptist Hospital of this city, in the "House Beautiful," at Louisville in some study and in Nashville visiting the Sunday School Board. She gave a number of experiences on her mission field in Brazil that proved informing.

The Address of Miss Juanita Byrd

The subject of an address by Miss Juanita Byrd at the close of this session was, "Dreamers in a World of Reality."

At the Wednesday evening session Mrs. W. C. Tyler spoke on "Shoes of Brass." God's Declaration to Asher of old, "Thy shoes shall be of brass and as thy days are so shall thy strength be." "God wants us to wear shoes of brass rather than other kinds, mention of which was made," said Mrs. Tyler. Some striking lessons were impressed upon the group of Sunbeams present.

Miss Robinson Takes Charge

Miss Edwina Robinson, the Young People's leader in the state, in taking charge of the program, introduced the leaders of the different young people's organizations in the state and the young people present representing these organizations were asked to repeat their respective watchwords. Ten Excellence awards were made by Miss Fannie Traylor to Boyle, Laurel First, Tupelo First, Stonewall, Indianola, Charleston, Longview, Gulfport First, Oxford and Jackson First, these having maintained full graded A-1 W. M. U.

Mrs. Freeman Speaks

"Walking With the Master" was the subject of the closing message by Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, a returned missionary to Argentina. Much information was given of this far-away South American country. A number of things were mentioned in which Argentina excels but notwithstanding her excellence she has many needs the greatest of which is Jesus, declared Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Appleby brought her final devotional message on "Silver Sandals" at the Thursday morning session. "Blessed are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace" was the scriptural basis of the message. Mrs. Appleby spoke of some who have gone out bearing the gospel wearing the silver sandals to achieve a fruitful ministry. These sandals must be

of certain kinds, emphasized Mrs. Appleby. (1) They must be light, "Lay aside the weight." (2) They must be on one who is obedient; (3) They must be on one who is quick to go.

Miss Caldwell Speaks

The message of Miss Caldwell, a returned missionary to China, was a recital of the experience of the 1,500 missionaries interned in Japanese prisons and the trip home. After hearing this recital of the experiences of the missionaries and their safe journey home, "Praise God" was sung.

Committee Reports

The registration committee reported 471 delegates enrolled, 338 Jackson visitors and 375 out of town visitors. The total attendance was 1,185.

The nominating committee made the following report: President, Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; vice president, Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston; recording secretary, Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson; Community Missions chairman, Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel; Mission Study chairman, Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson; Stewardship chairman, Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley; state vice president to Southern W. M. U., Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; state parliamentarian, Mrs. Geo. W. Riley, Clinton. District officers: District 1: Chairman, open for Executive Board; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson. District 2: Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville. District 3: Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Lee, Como; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Calhoun City. District 4: Chairman, Mrs. F. V. McFatridge, Plantersville; Young Peo-



(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. What is the meaning of "possession," and "possessions," as found in Psalms 69:35, and in Acts 28:7?
2. The Ark was taken from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. (I Samuel 5:1). Was Ashdod the name of a person, a place, or a city?
3. If you were asked to explain the meaning of "horn of my salvation," how would you answer it?
4. The birth of Jesus was prophesied seven hundred years before His coming. Can you name this prophet, and the Bible verse?

ple's counsellor, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Aberdeen. District 5: Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Newton, Shuqualak; Young People's counsellor, open for Executive Board. District 6: Chairman, Mrs. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. W. K. Denson, Bay Springs. District 7: Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Mathews, Gulfport; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. H. B. son, Bay Springs. District 7: Chairman, Mrs. I. L. Tolder, Gloster; Young People's counsellor, Mrs. Otis Varnado, Fernwood.

—BR—

Smart guy—Can you name the sister states? Bright boy—Certainly. They are Miss Ouri, Mrs. Sippi, Ida Ho, Mary Land, Callie Fornia, Louisa Anna, Della Ware, and Minnie Sota. —Mrs. Mae Driggers, Florida, in Progressive Farmer.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for April 16

SAUL'S EARLY PREACHING

Acts 9:19-30; 11:19-26

Printed: 19:9-30; 11:25, 26

I. IN DAMASCUS. Acts 9:19-25.

"He was certain days with the disciples . . . at Damascus." Here now was a born preacher and teacher. God knew that, and had called him from his birth to preach and teach the doctrine of Jesus the Christ.

I once taught a fine country boy who, after he himself had become a teacher, told me that any man could do anything he set his heart unto. If a man would be an orator as great as Demosthenese, let him, like Demosthenese, go down by the seashore and practice with the pebbles in his mouth as Demosthenese did, and, presto, he would be another Demosthenese. But it does not work out that way. It is true that some of the world's great teachers and preachers have had a hard time getting started. Marcus Dods, great Presbyterian preacher and scholar of Scotland, trying more than thirty times before he was called by a bare majority to his first church; Phillips Brooks, great Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, and perhaps the greatest of all American preachers gone, whose college president told him that he could never be a public speaker; Abraham Lincoln, snatched from comparative obscurity in later middle life, to be the great emancipator, and others so numerous that a list of their names would consume all the space we may use in the notes on this lesson. But there are no men without a special gift from God who ever measure up to great heights in any field of endeavor.

Saul was one of a number. He did not have to learn to speak and teach. He had experience already as a Jewish leader. He needed only the Christian heart and interpretation of the Old Testament. Now look! "Straightway in the synagogue he proclaimed Jesus, that He is the Son of God." Right away! Where? In the synagogues. As a Jew he had a right to enter them, and he went because he was anxious first and always to take the gospel to his own nation; his own people. So much selfishness, if you wish to call it so, the Lord would seem to be pleased to have us retain, that we should still be interested in our own. It seems to be the unmistakable mark of the Christian heart that the men who experience the change to it, long for the salvation of their own people. A Christian wife longs for her unsaved husband, the Christian parents for their unsaved children. The Christian negroes for their own brethren in black, the Christian Italian for his own people, from the dago class of them to the very highest, and there are doubts in the minds of some people concerning the genuineness of any profession of Christian experience upon the part of anybody who can live apart from effort to any effort to tell the story of Jesus to his own people.

But Saul's fellow-Jews were amazed

at him. He was supposed to be in Damascus to uproot this teaching, to arrest the Jews who had been led away by it. And here he had turned renegade against his own people and his own religion! Something drastic must be done about it, the mouth of Saul must be stopped. How? "We'll cram his mouth with the dust of death." That was about all they could do. They could not answer Saul. His reasonings were straight, weighty, convincing, they could not withstand him. What then? Well, if you can't answer the argument of your opponent, kill him. "What an awful, Jewish thing to do! Would anybody but a Jew stoop to a recourse so damnable?" Oh, bless you, yes! It has been the recourse of those who persecute for conscience's sake through all the ages, before our Lord and since.

As Saul continued to preach he gained additional strength and skill, and in dialectic ability he easily surpassed any of those who joined issue with him. Now, men who engage in argument are not convinced by the argument on the other side. A few of the listeners may be, but the men who engage in it are not. For a ridiculous illustration, what woman ever by argument convinced her husband that he was a fool? The fact might be patent to her and everybody else, but he would not acknowledge it. In religion and politics, etc., it is exactly the same way. So the plot to kill Saul. How escape the plot? Run! A few Baptist preachers have had to do that since the days of Saul. I can even spell the name of one of them.

II. IN JERUSALEM. vs. 26-29.

See how different all things were when he returned to his old seminary city. He had taken his courses in theology here, and had spent many, many happy days as a student in the school of Gamaliel in the dear old ancient city. A proud and acute and industrial and scholarly young man had this Saul been, waxing in skill as a dialectician even in his student days. He had encountered this Nazarene heresy some years before, and had shown himself a zealous antagonist to it. He had not been able to meet the Christian preachers in argument, they had successfully withstood him, but when he resorted to the time-honored course of the persecutor, he had certainly distinguished himself. He had hounded the followers of Jesus to the death. But now he came back from a mission on which he had gone to Damascus in the north, a mission of persecution against those people, and what a difference! Some years later he was to write, "If any man is in Christ, a new creature." (II Cor. 5:17). Have it the way King James says it, if you want to, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature." Paul didn't write that, but it is so. When Saul got into the heart of Christ, Saul was a new creature. The trouble with the King James translation is only that it does not say it all. Not only was Saul a new creature, but everything else was new as well. He found a new Christ, a new Bible (the Old Testament was no longer the book to him that it had been), a new world, a new love, a new relationship to the whole creation. It was new! Gentile dogs before his conversion had become somewhat more than dogs now since his conversion. Every-

thing was new!

But the Jerusalem Christians, the last one of whom were very likely converted Jews, had to be convinced that Saul had become a new man and that they who had before been the objects of his bitter hatred, had since his meeting Christ and receiving Christ, become the dear brethren of Saul. His former friends and associates among the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were unable to best him in debate, so they took a leaf out of the book he threw away when he became a Christian and learned how to make a plot to kill him. He had been a wolf hunting these Christian sheep to death: now he was one of the sheep, being hunted by the pack from which he had been snatched and changed into a new creature, with a new pair of eyes that saw a new world. What to do? Run again! Go home to Tarsus for a while. I do not doubt that the Lord told Saul to run every time he did run. There came times when he would not run, but it was running time when he left Damascus and when he left Jerusalem.

III. IN ANTIOCH. Acts 11:25, 26.

I suppose someone has already written a book on "The Friends of Paul," but I have not seen it. Ought to be a good one. It would be pleasant for me to take time to visit a while with this one, Barnabas, whose name means Son of Consolation. It is said of him that he was a good man, and that of itself is a splendid recommendation. He was "full of the Holy Spirit and of faith," and that sets him apart. His Christly character is seen in the fact that he went to seek Paul out and bring him from Tarsus to Antioch to help in the great movement there. For a whole year the gracious work of preaching and teaching went on in the church at Antioch, with Paul and Barnabas leading it.

We ought to be particularly impressed by the earnestness with which the Antiochians went about the matter of learning in the school of Christ and evidently of practicing what they learned. It would be perfectly legitimate to say that those early disciples put into practice what they learned in the school of the church, to behave themselves in the church and out of it, on the street, in the marketplace, so that there was something which marked them out from all the multitudes about them, and gained for them a nickname among the people, "Christians." They did not call themselves that, they "were called" (passive voice) "Christian first in Antioch." Some Jew or other sort of pagan likely raised a big laugh when he coined that name. Had he only known it, and written the word out and signed his name to it, his parenthood of that one word would have set him among the immortals.

Run through your mind the substance of the teaching of Paul and Barnabas. All through the Old Testament, the prophets stand on tip-toe looking for the coming Christ. Came Jesus of Nazareth and walked the way of the cross, drank the cup of death, was buried in a grave hewn out of solid rock and closed with a shutter consisting of stone flattened on two sides and rounded on the edge so it could be rolled from one side of the grave across the door or open end of it, thus shutting it tight. This stone door had been sealed in place,

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

April, 1944

Soul Winning Revival—April 2-16
—Clarksdale. Hyman Appelmann, Evangelist.
Three-day Evangelistic Conference
—April 3-5—Clarksdale.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
(1) Christian Literature and Church Libraries; (2) Sunday School Training Courses; (3) Relief and Annuity Board.
Tithes and Offerings.
Daily Bible Reading.
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.
State Sunday School Convention
—April 25-28.
Sunday School Training Courses.
State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson—April 4-6.
B. T. U.—Youth Week (to be observed by church any week).
State Workers in One-Day Associational Contacts. Associational Executive Meetings.
Relief and Annuity Board (an Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).

and a guard had been stationed before it. But the body which had been placed in the grave and thus shut up, sealed, and guarded, was gone on the morning of the third day. And that body, re-invested with the spirit of the dead man, appeared again and again to the chosen witnesses so that they became convinced beyond all doubt that the Jesus who had been dead was now alive beyond the power of death. The witnesses had stood with Him when He ascended from among them up and up, till a cloud received Him out of their sight.

He had promised to send the Holy Spirit in His stead, and the Spirit had accordingly come, had enabled them to perform wonders, to stand in a courage not their own and undergo sufferings indescribable for His glory. And the promise of His presence is to all who will trust the Lord Jesus, turning to Him for life and light and guidance.

—BR—

SELECTED EDITORIAL

(Continued from Page Four)

the reason I think I am hypocritically religious. I do hope you are praying for me, because I have just as much to go home to as any other boy has. Lovingly yours, Ralph."

Ralph has always been a good boy, and his refraining to pull self-righteous robes about him, and his readiness to admit his fallibility, show forth his sincerity and honesty. Who knows but that his dependence on that "little Book" and that "One Person," and on his and his mother's prayers, will bring him to safety?—Prentiss Headlight.

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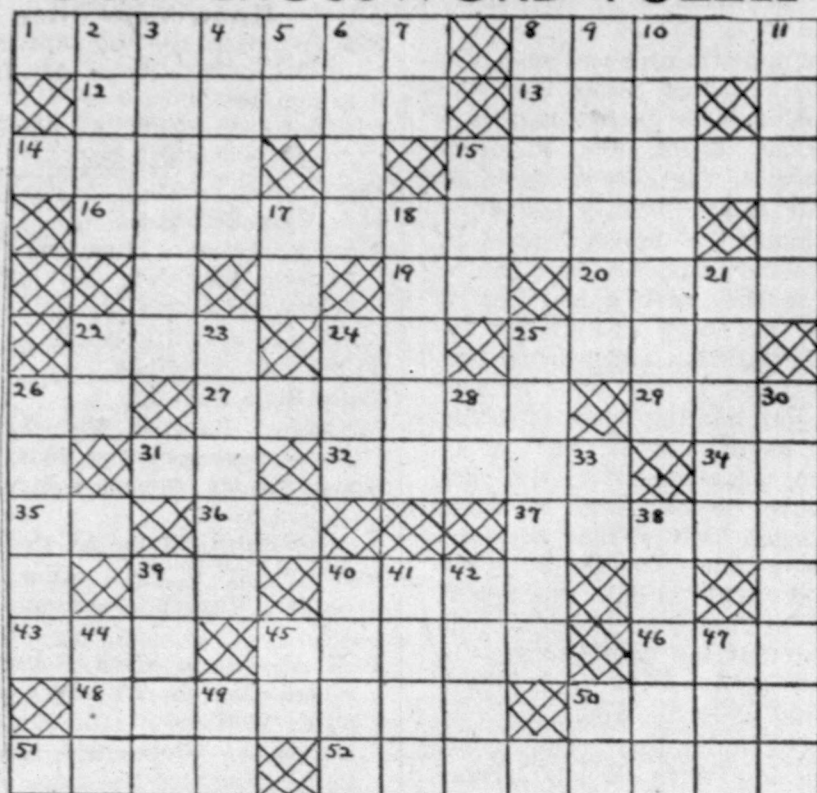
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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."—2 Tim. 3:16.

ACROSS

- 1 The . . . of these puzzles is to make you 12, 13 and 16 across.
- 8 The Egyptians used this for making bricks, Ex. 5:7.
- 12 "when ye shall . . . for me with all your heart," Jer. 29:13.
- 13 Article.
- 14 Gad was David's . . . 2 Sam. 24:11.
- 15 "a God ready to . . ." Neh. 9:17.
- 16 They testify of Christ.
- 19 God in Hebrew names.
- 20 Great waters.
- 22 Because.
- 24 Preposition.
- 25 Pronoun.
- 26 King of Egypt, 2 Kings 17:4.
- 27 Easter comes from this name.
- 29 Fifth son of Jacob, Gen. 30:6.
- 31 Pronoun.
- 32 "and if there be any praise, . . . on these things," Phil. 4:8.
- 34 Japanese measure.
- 35 Home of Abraham, Gen. 11:31.
- 36 New England state.
- 37 Early church leader, Acts 15:22.
- 39 Pronoun.
- 40 Possess.
- 43 Truly.
- 45 "into . . . darkness," Matt. 8:12.
- 46 Tall East Indian palm.
- 48 "a far more exceeding and . . . weight of glory," 2 Cor. 4:17.
- 50 "more than meat," Luke 12:23.
- 51 Gen. 27:38 is one.
- 52 Hard stones, Ezek. 3:9.
- A command of Christ is 12, 13, 16, 22, 24, 25, 31, 32, 39, 40, 48 and 50 combined.

DOWN

- 2 "learn to maintain good works for necessary . . . Titus 3:14.
- 3 Resound.
- 4 Young salmon.
- 5 Conjunction.
- 6 Marine fish.
- 7 Expression of inquiry.
- 8 It led the Wise Men.
- 9 "thou shalt . . . the mountains, and

beat them small," Isa. 41:15.

- 10 Mackerel food (two words).
- 11 ". . . of the morning," Ps. 139:9.
- 15 Assyrian king, 2 Kings 15:19.
- 17 A Benjamite, 1 Chron. 7:12.
- 18 "the . . . shall be holy unto the Lord," Lev. 27:32.
- 21 Nephew of David, 1 Chron. 2:17.
- 22 Chinese name of Buddha.
- 23 Pass a rope through.
- 24 Professor of some ism.
- 25 More rigid.
- 26 ". . . to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.
- 28 New England state.
- 30 Cuddles up.
- 33 Two Old Testament books.
- 38 Language in use in Christ's time, Luke 23:38.
- 39 Westralian name for a tree.
- 40 Alaskan Indian.
- 41 A threshing floor, Gen. 50:10.
- 42 Part of the Argo constellation.
- 44 Fish.
- 45 Same as 5 down.
- 47 Astern.
- 49 Babylonian deity.
- 50 Note.

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LAYMEN AND MINISTERS MEET AT BROOKHAVEN

The regular monthly meeting of ministers and laymen of the district was held at Brookhaven First Baptist church on Saturday afternoon. Presiding was James Allgood. A. E. Blankenship reported on The Baptist Record rationing matter. The Baptists are happy that for the present the paper will not be drastically cut. Troy Prince gave out maps and spoke in behalf of conducting Bible schools in the Negro churches. He stated that projectors and films were available for churches desiring to use moving pictures in the work. Homer Case's report on rural work was featured by the announcement that the Gum Grove Training Union offers to assist any church in organizing a B. T. U. Lewis Curtis, Lewis Rhodes and Troy Prince were named on the associational music committee. Rev. Brown led in prayer. The next meeting will be held on Saturday before the first Sunday. Benediction was led by Marshall Terrell, a deacon in Gum Grove church.

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Mrs. A. J. Aven prefaced her interesting report at the W. M. U. Convention last week with these words:

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Mississippi Baptists now have before them an opportunity to help in raising "the seed corn of the earth" through contributing the Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund Campaign.

The amounts asked from more than 80 per cent of the churches is considerably less than \$1,000.

Many churches already have given the amounts they have been asked for.

The Louisville church has given another \$1,000.00 from the church treasury. This makes \$3,000.00 they have given from that source. Individual members gave another \$4,000.

Of the \$200,000 sought there has been donated to date all but \$71,763 by 531 churches.

Many pastors tell us their churches will certainly give the modest amounts asked of them.

Let as many churches as possible do this before May 7, which is the beginning of Christian Home Week.

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THE CONVENTION WILL MEET

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turned to gold. Who has made any sacrifice that our Baptist do not know and show? Have they not offered their best on the altar of the common good?

In our quest for the greater good, we would not hamper our war effort with a feather's weight or hinder our military program for a split second. On no bus or train, in no boat or plane would we travel thereby causing any detour, delay, or discomfort to any man in uniform. We would not claim any hotel room needed by a soldier on duty, nor any dining car or cafe till every hungry man has been fed, nor any hospital bed so long as needed by our sons and brothers in service. To our limit and to the last man we stand and serve our country in peace and war.

With these sentiments in us deep as life, and because of them, we have a spiritual urge which bids us in God's name and for the common good not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Not the great religious feasts of the olden days exerted a profounder civic, moral, and spiritual influence than our great conventions have exerted and will exert upon our people in our own country and in many lands in which we labor overseas. In obedience to earth's Best Citizen we will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and we must render unto God the things that are God's.

As you are aware, our Baptist churches constitute a theocratic democracy, each independent yet interdependent, and all co-operant with each other only when consecrated to God. Thus our general meetings are not forced but free, having among them no underlings nor overlords; and to function most faithfully and fruitfully the messengers appointed from the churches must meet regularly to formulate and further their programs of progress for the betterment of mankind and the glory of God.

It is therefore our plan and purpose in limited number and short time, to convene in Atlanta next May with the prayer that the session will be epochal in its spiritual power and worldwide program, hoping for the early attainment of a just and durable peace, and hastening in every way the yet happier day when all the earth shall be secure and serene under the ultimate and universal reign of the Prince of Peace.

Thanking you for your letter and with assurance of our abiding and abounding allegiance to our country and to God, I am, Sirs, with great respect,

Yours sincerely,

HIGHT C. MOORE, Secretary,
Southern Baptist Convention.

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Hazlehurst: The Sunday school offering for Home and Foreign Missions on March 26 was \$61.54.

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Some Great Bible Doctrines

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of his will." Here election is declared to be personal, from eternity, purely the exercise of the will of God, leading to the definite conclusion, the redemption of His people. A few verses later Paul adds, "having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will." If God is God He must have the final word as He had the first.

As we confine ourselves to a few passages we turn next to the letter to the Romans. When you come to the ninth chapter, Paul begins to write about the mystery of the passing over of the Jews, a matter that greatly distressed him. The nation as a whole rejected Jesus, but there were many individual Jews who accepted Him. Paul says there is no explanation of this strange thing other than the fact of election, of God's purpose to save some, even though it be but a small fraction of the whole.

Here are Paul's words, and his argument: "They are not all Israel that are of Israel: neither because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called . . ." The choosing had already begun. Indeed it had begun in the call of Abraham himself. Later he says: "And not only so, but Rebecca also having conceived by one, even by our father Isaac—for the children being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand . . . it was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger. Even as it is written, Jacob I love, but Esau I hated." Read the whole of the ninth chapter of Romans.

Again in the eleventh chapter of Romans: vs. 5ff: "Even so at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. . . . That which Israel seeketh for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened." If there were no election, there would be no grace and no salvation. That is the only ground and reason and way for anybody to be saved. The sooner we have this the sooner we will get to where we can begin to work for the salvation of the lost. Jesus said, "Ye did not choose me but I have chosen you."

Does a belief in election destroy effort for the salvation of the lost? Far from it. Paul wrote more plainly than any other man about God's eternal election, and he did more than any other man to save the lost. About those same Israelites he said, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, I have great grief and unceasing pain in my heart; I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren." He still prayed and worked "for the elect's sake."

God who ordained the salvation of the elect, also ordained the means for this salvation. He pleads with them, exhorts them, persuades them, and sends His spirit to convict them. If it were not for this none would be saved. Every man who has been saved knows that the beginning of his interest was the work of God in him and not his own effort or desire.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

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mended that the Convention authorize the Convention Board to provide for District Bible Institutes, at least five in number for 1945. It is again recommended that Evangelist Hyman Appelman be invited to Mississippi for a two weeks' period during 1946 to hold a series of one-day meetings. Pleasure was expressed, in a formal motion that was passed, over the growing interest in and emphasis on evangelism that led the Sunday School Board to set up a Department of Evangelism.

The Mississippi Baptist Advisory Stewardship Committee met in the afternoon. The members present were B. Frank Smith, chairman; Homer W. Roberson, secretary; Webb Brame, Owen Williams, W. E. Winstead and W. L. Green. In carrying out Convention and Convention Board instructions, it was decided that five one-day Stewardship Conferences would be held in early September or as soon thereafter as is found feasible. The program is in the making. Attendants upon the conferences are urged to take the information and inspiration back into the local church. A Stewardship Revival is urged upon the churches as an annual affair. The committee voiced a plea for full cooperation in contributing to all of the causes of Christ through the Cooperative Program. The suggestion is given by the pastors and laymen on the committee that one message in each revival be given to Stewardship of Possessions. The committee further urges every church to conduct a school of

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page 12.

1. ("Possession" and "possessions"): In Psalms, "possession" means "something seized," and in Acts, it means "holdings of land."

2. (Ashdod): It was the name of a city west of Jerusalem, on the Mediterranean coast.

3. ("Horn of my salvation"): According to Psalms 18:2, it means "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

4. (Birth of Jesus prophesied): The prophet's name was Micah, who lived seven hundred years before our Lord. You can read his prophecy in Micah 5:2. That prophecy informed the priests and the Wise Men as to the time and place where the Christ child was to be born.

missions annually following the complete order of emphasis as given by Jesus in Acts 1:8. This would include Jerusalem or local church Evangelism and Missions, Judea or State Missions, Samaria or Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. It was noted that not a person present had ever sat in a school of missions where this order established by Jesus was followed. A final committee emphasis was directed toward completion of payment of our Mississippi Baptist indebtedness of 1944. Full and continued support through the Now Club, the Cooperative Program and the special debt-payment offering in June was shown as the way to victory.

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LIFEBELTS FOR SAFETY

By Eleanor Hester
Shelby, Mississippi

The other day we came home on a troop ship. We had been at sea several days, and Sunday came. Services were held in the dining room. The chaplain, a volunteer organist in a sergeant's uniform, some sailors, two or three stewards, a dozen or so returning civilians, a wounded airman who limped in to sit at a table near the door, some children, and some immigrants made up the group.

The first song had been sung, Scriptures read and a prayer said, when the signal rang for the gunners' crew to man the gun turrets on the hurricane deck. The bell sounded for all passengers and crew to go immediately to the lifeboat deck.

The chaplain spoke one sentence, "You'd better put on and fasten your lifebelts."

Everyone always carried lifebelts by order of the captain of the ship. Usually, these vest-like jackets were carried on one arm. But the quiet advice of the chaplain did not need to be repeated. The congregation fastened on lifebelts and filed up to the deck beside previously assigned lifeboats, for hours stood in the dark, nearly two thousand people . . . still, and in most cases silently prayerful. The blimps overhead, the patrol planes, the sub-chasers, the destroyers patrolled the long convoy of ships that steamed homeward on an unwavering course.

At last the danger was past, and the captain ordered everyone back to the cabins in total blackout. Guided only by the little red pencil lights on the monitoring crewman's jacket, we felt our way back down the emergency ladders and into our rooms. The porthole was fastened with a wrench which the steward carried with him.

"Daddy," piped a little child's voice in the darkness, "the preacher forgot to preach the sermon."

"No," said a sober voice of father, "the chaplain preached a fine sermon, Sonny. Don't you remember? He said, 'You'd better put on and fasten your lifebelts.'"

. . . And so might all pastors say to their congregation in these anxious times, "Put On Your Lifebelts."

Salvation through Christ Jesus . . . a lifebelt eternal!

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**BAPTIST EDUCATORS TO STUDY
POST-WAR ORIENTATION
OF CHAPLAINS**

Chicago—(RNS)—A special committee to study post-war orientation of returning chaplains and theological students was appointed here at a meeting of Baptist seminary presidents. The gathering of religious educators was held concurrently with sessions of the Northern Baptist Post-War Planning Commission.

The need for a vigorous recruiting program to enlist Baptist young people in full-time Christian service was stressed by Dr. Donald Faulkner, director of the division on schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Baptist Board of Education. The assembled theologians were informed that before graduated last year from all cause of the draft only 312 students Northern Baptist seminaries, whereas about 600 are needed annually as ministerial replacements.

ELLISVILLE HAS REVIVAL

With L. E. Green, pastor at Pascagoula First Baptist Church doing the preaching, and Joe Daniel of Laurel leading the singing, the Ellisville church held a successful revival March 19-26. Martin V. McKinster, pastor at Ellisville, stated that one of the good features of the meeting was work accomplished at the Junior College where Dr. Green spoke three times, and led a series of personal conferences in the afternoons, in which college students found help in spiritual matters. The visiting minister also spoke at the Rotary Club. Eleven have been baptized, and six additions by letter have been received. The church membership was helped by the ministry of the visiting workers, also.

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**BAPTISTS TO SET UP MEMORIAL
TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The Northern Baptist Convention has purchased the 1,070-acre estate of the late Victor Lawson, Chicago newspaper publisher at Green Lake, Wisconsin, and will dedicate it to the cause of religious freedom.

Earmarked as a postwar investment, purchase of the property at an approximate cost of \$500,000 gives the Baptists control of what is described as "one of the most beautiful and best equipped conference centers in the world."

Summer conferences, sponsored by national educational and missionary organizations of the denomination will be held there during the summer months, and plans are also being made for boys' and girls' camps, including one for underprivileged children from Middle West centers.

Tentatively named Freedom Acres, the estate consists of an 81-room fire-proof modern hotel, with about forty buildings, including 13 summer homes, and is capable at present of accommodating 500 delegates. The property has a two and a half mile frontage on Green Lake, includes an 18-hole golf course, a large swimming pool and a boat house.

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**FEDERAL COUNCIL SEES POSSIBLE
THREAT TO CHURCH GIVING
IN TAX SIMPLIFICATION**

New York—(RNS)—A resolution deploring the possible effect on church giving of "certain extreme proposals" designed to simplify the payment of income taxes was adopted here (March 21) by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches.

Emphasizing its accord with the current desire for tax simplification, the council pointed out, however, that the federal government has long had a tax policy which exempts from taxation up to 15 per cent of an individual's net taxable income which is contributed to private and voluntary community agencies.

"Any change in tax policy or procedure which would diminish the individual citizen's sense of responsibility to support these agencies would threaten a basic American tradition," the resolution stated.

"We urge Congress and the administrative officers of our government to maintain a tax structure and procedure which will continue to encourage the individual to support the churches and other voluntary community agencies," it added.

MRS. LOTTIE GULLY CRENSHAW

Mrs. Lottie Crenshaw passed from this life into that eternal home of rest and joy on February 13, 1944, at the age of sixty-four, her husband having preceded her many years. She leaves one daughter and four step-children to mourn her going.

Neshoba Baptist Church and community have lost a faithful and devoted member and citizen. Her life was full of service to her family, church and community.

To know Miss Lottie was to love her. She will be sadly missed but the influence of her life will live on in the lives of her loved ones and friends.

As we sorrow because of her going, we thank God for her life and bow in humble submission to the will of Him Who doeth all things well.

May our Heavenly Father comfort and bless those whom she leaves with hearts bereaved.

By order of the church, a copy is to be placed on the church minutes, a copy sent to the family and one sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

MRS. J. L. VIVERETTE,
MRS. W. W. McBEATH,
MRS. W. J. VANCE, Committee.

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**GOV. CHARLES EDISON BELIEVES
CLERGYMEN SHOULD SEE THAT
HONEST, INTELLIGENT CITI-
ZENS GO INTO POLITICS**

Newark, N. J., Nov. 5—(Special)—If clergymen do not wish to take a personal and active part in public affairs, there are alternative steps they should take to promote good government, Gov. Charles Edison declared in an address before the New Jersey Baptist Pastors' Conference.

"First," said the governor, "they can constantly show their flocks that there must and can be no separation between what is right on the personal level and what is right on the public level. They can help to prevent the separation from developing."

"The definitions of right and wrong in public and private conduct should be peculiarly the province of the ministers."

"Second, the ministers should know the honest and intelligent citizens in their communities, and they should encourage them to go into politics and to stay in. They can encourage them to go into politics at the local level where the need for a vigorous democracy is greatest."

"Too many citizens will accept positions in Washington who will not for a moment serve in their cities or their states."

Concerning public-private standards, Governor Edison told the clergymen:

"American politicians whose ethical standards are . . . so flexible that they can disregard in their public conduct those principles that would bind them in private are more of a menace to democracy than ordinary criminals. . . . They always threaten to infect the whole."

"Even a healthy democracy seems to produce such persons—like boils. . . . We have them right here in New Jersey. Happily for democracy, none has ever taken control of the nation, none has ever held control of any state for any great length of time. Democracy has so far thrown off the virus before it has been taken mortally sick."

"Democracy," Edison asserted, "is not something once and for all delivered to the saints. It is a form of government and a way of life that, once established, has constantly to be fought for."—Protestant Voice.

W. W. WEATHERSBY

On February 28, 1944, William W. Weathersby passed away. He had been a useful member of the Mountain Creek church in Rankin county for many years, and had served as deacon, Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

In evaluating his life a friend said: "He went about doing good. He never grew weary in well doing. He visited the sick and sorrowing, and was an inspiration to them. He told the lost of the Savior and encouraged those in trouble. His influence will live on in the lives of those who knew and loved him." He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Mattie Dear Weathersby; Alton Weathersby, formerly of Mobile, now of Florence; Mrs. Henry Bishop, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sgt. Billy Weathersby, in service overseas. Several grandchildren and a brother also survive.—A Sincere Friend.

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**SOME QUESTIONS PEOPLE WOULD
LIKE THE VAN NUYS COM-
MITTEE TO INVESTIGATE**

The liquor trade, in these wartime days, has never been more arrogant nor outrageously indifferent to public morale and to the inevitable trail of human and social waste it breeds.

Challenging questions multiply in the correspondence of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, which may be boiled into one major interrogation:

WHY is the trade apparently being accorded or promised special privileges in the manufacture, and distribution of its products, its methods of solicitation, commerce and transportation, its unrestrained advertising, and the incredible permission said to have been officially given from Washington to count liquor sales as the equivalent of food rationing points?

Among the particular questions people everywhere are asking are the following:

1. WHY the ruling permitting the beer tin can salvage groups to obtain all number 10 cans collected by them to make beer bottle caps only the scrap therefrom going to the scrap drive, the purpose for which they were collected? Was this ruling made for and exclusively to the beer industry?

2. WHY the ruling made by authorities that permits saloons and other retail liquor establishments selling food to receive food points, including meat, butter and other vital shortage foods, on the basis of drinks sold as food, thus giving the saloon-restaurant a great advantage over the dry restaurant, hotel, etc., in some cases of as much as ten to one?

3. WHAT ARE THE FACTS regarding alleged authorization of rum and distilling interests to acquire by lease and purchase numerous small sea-going or coastal craft which were used for the importation of rum for Cuba, and which returned laden with liquor bottles, resulting in direct and considerable loss in bottoms for fresh pineapple, yams and raw sugar, greatly needed by the American people, and in foods, medicines and clothing greatly needed by the Puerto Ricans?

4. IS IT TRUE, as specifically alleged in Washington news correspondence to the daily press, that extensive lend-lease and other shipping space has been used for the transportation of thousands of cases of beer, whiskey, wines and champagne; when our soldiers were in urgent need of munitions, food and medicines?

5. WHO AUTHORIZED OR PERMITTED THE INVENTION of new brands of whiskey made from stocks accumulated for the production of known brands, thereby permitting the distillers to avoid OPA price regulations?